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YOUNG PROFESSIONALS WEEK

The Marianas Young Professionals met with the lawmakers yesterday as part of a series of events to celebrate "Young Professionals Week" from Monday to Friday. Today, MyPros invites the public to a workshop on career, profession, and resumé building at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library from 5pm to 8pm.

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BSI pleads for secrecy in financial rating process meeting

» **BECQ issued cease-and-desist order on Grand Mariana construction last month**

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REPORTER

Credit rating experts are on island to vet the financial standing of the Saipan casino and are expected to issue a financial rating in the coming months.

Commonwealth Casino Commission executive director Edward C. Deleon Guerrero stressed yesterday these rating agencies were "third parties" and that they expect a rating out in the coming months.



Deleon Guerrero

The agencies met with the casino, Best Sunshine International, Ltd, and the casino commission yesterday.

Rating agencies essentially rate a debtor's ability, in this case the Saipan casino, to pay back debt on time and the health

of its bonds.

It also ties into BSI's ability to raise capital and finance its mammoth casino resort projects on island.

Notably, the names of these agencies and the very fact they are on island was a contention of public disclosure during a commission meeting yesterday.

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Local

Landing fees for airlines flying CNMI-Japan route to be waived

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As part of the government's efforts to revive the Japanese market, a program to give incentives to airlines flying the CNMI route from Japan is in the works.

In a meeting, the board of directors of the Marianas Visitors Authority has approved to encumber funds to help waive landing fees for airlines servicing the Commonwealth and Japan as part of the Japan Revitalization Program.

"This is the landing fee discussion that has been on going with the Commonwealth Ports Authority to entice flights from Japan to the CNMI to sort of save this dwindling market, we need increased airlift from Japan. The proposal was to grant landing fee waivers for a period of one year and 50 percent discount for the second year," MVA managing director Chris Concepcion said.

The waiver will be open to any airline flying to Japan with direct regular daily flights. Currently, only Delta Airlines is flying to Saipan

with this kind of service.

"We have a \$340,000 unencumbered fund that we are able to use for this program. It covers from May 1st to the end of fiscal year, Sept. 30," he added.

The board voted unanimously to use the funds.

Concepcion noted that they are waiting on the support from CPA and the central government.

"We're still waiting on CPA and the Office of the Governor to see what their contributions will be," Concepcion said.

Concepcion, however, said in an interview that he doesn't know yet how much exactly the landing fees that they are basically shouldering are, adding that they are "waiting on CPA to get back to us on what it is that."

"At the end of the day, CPA is the recipient of the landing fees so we want to make sure that we're on the same page," Concepcion said.

"We're hoping to get additional support with CPA and the central government," he added.

Concepcion said they are doing their best to increase arrivals of Japanese tourists

in the CNMI.

He also mentioned that they are in active discussion with eight or nine airlines to

come to the CNMI including some that could serve the Japanese market.

"We're doing our best to

Roberto's brother arrested for alleged sexual abuse of minor girl

Roberto is a loan analyst at Express Financial.

Roberto is the brother of former CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife official Raymond B. Roberto, who in September 2014, was acquitted by a federal jury of charges that he enticed three minor girls to engage in prostitution and tampered a witness while he was in jail.

Chief public defender Douglas Hartig was appointed as counsel for Kaipat. Acting chief prosecutor Barbara Cepeda appeared for the government in both cases.

In the case against Andres Roberto, the defendant allegedly handed \$60 for a fundraiser to a 14-year-old girl, then hugged her, kissed her on the mouth, squeezed her breast, and rubbed her butt in the back of a house in the evening of April 19.

The girl pushed Roberto away, threw the money back at him, and ran into the house.

Police said because of the

incident, the girl was so traumatized that her mother once saw her in possession of a knife on her bed, as she wanted to kill herself. The girl would feel nervous every time she sees an older man and when at school she was once found shaking inside a bathroom.

The girl cried when she told her father about the incident the following day after she came home from bible study.

Police Detective Kintoki stated in her report that the investigation started last Thursday when personnel from the Division of Youth Services reported the incident.

In Kaipat's case, the defendant allegedly sexually abused a 13-year-old girl twice in Dandan and in Kagman last year.

Kintoki said the investigation began last Oct. 21 after the Department of Public Safety received a call about a sexual abuse of a minor girl.

Kintoki said during her interview last Oct. 23, the girl

port and we will go ahead and meet with our stakeholders and implement the program," Concepcion said.

stated that the first incident happened at a house in Dandan after Typhoon Soudelor struck Saipan in August 2015.

Kintoki said according to the minor, she was sleeping when Kaipat started massaging her feet and thighs. When Kaipat's hands moved closer to her private part, she covered herself with a blanket. Kaipat then stopped.

The second incident happened inside a tent that was given by the American Red Cross at a house in Kagman between 12am and 2am last Sept. 8.

The girl said she was sleeping when Kaipat started massaging her legs and touching her private part.

The girl said she got up and slept near her sisters. She said she was scared to scream for fear that Kaipat would do something worst to her.

The girl later informed her sister and her relative about

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DPL chief files \$10.5M counterclaims vs Mariana Resort, Club 88, BSI

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Department of Public Lands Secretary Marianne C. Teregeyo has filed a \$10.5-million counterclaims and cross claims against Saipan Entertainment LLC, Kan Pacific Saipan Ltd., and Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC.

Saipan Entertainment owns the e-gaming facility Club 88 Mariana located at Mariana Resort & Spa in Marpi. Kan Pacific owns Mariana Resort & Spa. Imperial Pacific is doing business as Best Sunshine International, Ltd.

Saipan Entertainment sued Kan Pacific and Imperial Pacific for allegedly not informing the company of Best Sunshine's negotiation to purchase the Mariana Resort.

Teregeyo was also named as co-defendant.

Last month, Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio dismissed Saipan Entertainment's breach of contract claim against Kan Pacific.

Teregeyo has filed counterclaims and cross-claims against Saipan Entertainment, Kan Pacific, and Imperial Pacific for declaratory judgment; and malicious prosecution against Saipan Entertainment.

Teregeyo has filed counterclaims for breach of contract against Kan Pacific, Saipan Entertainment, and Imperial Pacific.

Teregeyo has filed counterclaims for anticipatory repudiation and restraint of trade in violation of the Sherman Act and Clayton Act against Kan Pacific and Imperial Pacific.

The Sherman Act provides that every contract, combination in the form of trust or otherwise, or conspiracy, in restraint of trade or commerce is declared illegal.

A private right of action for violation of the Sherman Act is created by the Clayton Act.

Teregeyo, through counsel assistant attorney general Christopher M. Timmons, asked the Superior Court to hold Kan Pacific and Imperial Pacific jointly liable to pay her \$10.5 million for allegedly colluding to restrain trade in violation of Commonwealth and federal law.

Timmons asked the court to declare that the resort lease as amended or superseded by the

Dec. 16, 1977 lease and subsequent amendments impose an obligation upon Kan Pacific to obtain DPL's prior written consent to any assignment or lease of the Mariana Resort and Spa premises.

The resort lease refers to Kan Pacific's lease of public lands from the CNMI government on Dec. 15, 1977.

The following day, Dec. 16, Kan Pacific and the CNMI government executed a replacement lease that afforded the Commonwealth additional protection, including without limitation, the requirement that Kan Pacific obtain the Commonwealth's consent prior to any sublease or assignment of its rights under the lease.

Teregeyo requested the court to declare that Saipan Entertainment's sublease with Saipan Entertainment for a portion of the Mariana Resort and Spa premises executed on Nov. 18, 2013, is void.

Teregeyo asked the court to issue an injunctive relief restraining Kan Pacific and Imperial Pacific from colluding to withhold or rig bids in violation of Commonwealth and federal law.

The DPL secretary also filed her answer and affirmative defenses to Saipan Entertainment's lawsuit.

Saipan Entertainment sued Kan Pacific for breach of contract, unjust enrichment, and fraudulent nondisclosure.

Saipan Entertainment sued DPL and Teregeyo in order to enjoin the CNMI government from consenting to any assignment of the resort lease or the resort property until the controversy surrounding the validity of the resort lease is resolved.

Saipan Entertainment sued Imperial Pacific for intentional interference with contract.

Last month, Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio dismissed Saipan Entertainment's claim for breach of contract against Kan Pacific.

In Teregeyo's counterclaims and cross-claims, Timmons said despite DPL's assurances to Saipan Entertainment that it would not unreasonably withhold its consent, Saipan Entertainment maliciously sued DPL for declaratory judgment relating to an issue that was rendered moot.

Timmons said as a result of Saipan Entertainment's

malicious prosecution, DPL has been forced to expend resources defending this lawsuit.

Timmons said as a result of Kan Pacific's failure to obtain DPL's prior consent before executing the Kan Pacific/Saipan Entertainment sublease agreement, DPL has been forced to expend resources defending this lawsuit.

Timmons said by assigning its interest to Imperial Pacific and giving Imperial Pacific the right to close Mariana Resort and Spa prior to expiration of the lease, Kan Pacific breached the implied covenant

of good faith and fair dealing.

Timmons said this is so because the assignment and leaseback terms authorize Imperial Pacific to cease revenue-generating activities on the premises as early as December 2016.

He asserted that the assignment and leaseback constitutes a collusive agreement, which operates to restrain and prevent Kan Pacific from bidding in response to the request for proposals.

"DPL is damaged because with the obvious and natural competitor removed, Imperial

Pacific International (CNMI) LLC will not need to submit a responsive and competitive response to the RFP, and DPL will obtain less favorable terms for a new lease of the premises," Timmons said.

Timmons said the assignment and leaseback documents grant Imperial Pacific a possessory interest in public land contrary to the lease agreement.

On Dec. 11, 2015, Kan Pacific and Best Sunshine entered into an agreement, by which \$3.5 million bought Kan Pacific's agreement not

to participate in DPL's RFP for Mariana Resort and Space.

This Dec. 11, 2015, agreement purports to be an assignment and leaseback of the Mariana Resort and Spa.

Timmons said upon information and belief, Imperial Pacific has not obtained insurance over the premises.

Timmons said by removing the natural competitor for a new lease over the Mariana Resort and Spa premises, Imperial Pacific will be able to submit a less competitive (or even non-responsive) bid in response to the RFP.

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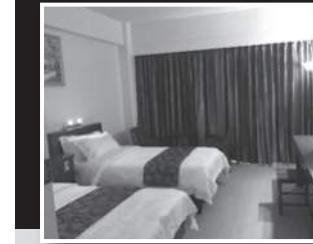
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what happened.

Kintoki said she interviewed the girl's relative last April 21, who disclosed that the girl was crying when she was telling her about what

Kaipat did to her.

Apparently, when Kaipat's girlfriend confronted him about the incidents, the suspect admitted.

The girlfriend allegedly did not call the police and instead told Kaipat to stop doing his "bad habit." (Ferdie de la Torre)

CHCC**From Page 1**

In a letter of support sent to the Senate last February, CHCC said it is “in full support of the intent” of H.B. 19-99 HD4 or “To assess a Health Impact Tax on Sugar-sweetened beverages, sugar-sweetened concentrate, for the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases in the Commonwealth; to create a special health impact account.”

“Swift policy action to reduce consumption levels of sugar-sweetened beverages is crucial to the health of our population,” CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muna said.

The letter stated that although the “sugary drink culture is only a recent trend in the context of the long history of the Northern Mariana Islands,” the culture “promotes

the consumption of these beverages and market relentlessly, especially to children.”

“We are inundated by a ‘culture’ of sugary drinks created by the beverage industry,” Muna said.

‘Nanny state’

Muna said the bill does not remove choices and as the government is responsible for protecting the health of the public action must be taken “when products which detriment our health, like sugary drinks, are marketed to children and sold cheaply in our community.”

“Critics of health policies that are designed to change health behavior often use acrimonious terms like ‘nanny state’ to suggest government overreach into personal choice. This bill does not remove choices, but makes choosing healthier options more likely,” Muna said.

She added that the health

of the population of the CNMI has declined rapidly as a “result of the ubiquity, high palatability, and low-cost of unhealthy food items such as sugar-sweetened beverages.”

Muna said that while education is important, awareness alone won’t change the “everyday behavior on the massive scale.”

“In order to help our residents make better lifestyle choices, the healthy choice needs to be the easy choice,” Muna said.

“When unhealthy beverages are cheap, frugal consumers save money at the cost of their own health. Historically, public health interventions have focused on changes to the behavior of individuals, but healthy living is the result of a variety of factors which influence health behaviors,” she added.

Public policies, Muna said, as well as interpersonal dy-

namics, organizational, and community policies are very important in determining the behaviors of individuals and their exposures to risk.

Healthy choice, funds for prevention

Citing a conceptual framework for public health action which “highlights the high population impact of interventions that change the environmental context to make healthy options the default choice,” Muna said such a tax as what is proposed by HB 19-99 will bring down consumption.

“A tax on sugar-sweetened beverages brings down consumption levels, incentivizes distributors and retailers to stock healthier beverage options, and has the potential to change our beliefs, attitudes and norms about sugary drink consumption,” Muna said.

Muna noted that science has clearly stated that sugary

drinks are bad and that its consumption is not only strongly associated with obesity but is also related to chronic conditions such as type 2 diabetes, obesity, and heart, liver, and dental diseases.

Consuming a can or two of sodas per day can increase the risk of diabetes by 26 percent, she said.

“As an added benefit, a tax on sugary drinks raises much-needed revenue for diabetes prevention and management programs, opens up a funding source for local groups who want to take steps to improve health in their communities, and supports the CNMI’s safety-net healthcare provider, the CHCC,” she added.

The latest amendment to the bill as introduced by the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and who recommended the passage of the bill, dealt mostly on the appropriations of the funds

that would be collected—an estimated \$6.8 million based on the current tax of \$0.005 per fluid ounce on soft drinks alone that generated approximately \$849,4000 in 2015.

The Senate broke down the taxes collected as follows: 60 percent of the taxes collected will go to the diabetes maintenance programs and the community health grants under the hospital, 10 percent for the CNMI Medical Referral program, 10 percent for PSS health education and drug-free programs, 10 percent to Customs to support enforcement, and 10 percent to the general fund.

“The CNMI is positioned to become a leader in health policy in the Pacific region

and we hope to see the Senate send the message that good nutrition and the health of our population is crucial to the welfare of the Commonwealth by passing this bill,” Muna said.

PTSA**From Page 1**

Horey said PTSA is therefore entitled to intervene as of right.

Horey said the recognition of an individual constitutional right to import and possess handguns in the CNMI impedes the PTSA’s ability to protect that interest, by introducing a new threat to the welfare of children and youth

in their homes, schools and communities, in the form of weapon, easily carried and concealed.

The lawyer said guarding against this new threat will require new and proactive methods of protection, “the development and implementation of which will be unfamiliar, burdensome and oppressive.”

The Radich couple, challenged, on Second Amendment grounds, the CNMI’s prohibition on the possession

and importation of handguns and ammunition, as well as the CNMI’s ban on the use of firearms for self-defense purposes.

The couple also challenged, on 14th Amendment equal protection grounds, the ban on lawful resident aliens obtaining weapons identification cards for self-defense purposes.

The couple sued then-Department of Public Safety commissioner James C. De-

leon Guerrero and Department of Finance Secretary Larrissa Larson.

According to the complaint, in 2010, while Mr. Radich was away and his wife, Li-Rong, was at home alone on Saipan, their house was invaded. Li-Rong was attacked and beaten up resulting in serious injuries. The invader ran away after she screamed for help.

The couple applied for weapons permit in July 2013,

but was denied. This prompted them to file the lawsuit.

In her March 28 ruling, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona declared unconstitutional the CNMI’s gun’s control law that prohibits all residents from obtaining handguns for self-defense purposes.

Manglona ruled that that the handgun and handgun ammunition and their import ban contained in the provi-

sions of the CNMI Weapons Control Act are declared unconstitutional and in violation of the Covenant that incorporated the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

In response, the CNMI passed Public Law 19-42, the Special Act for Firearms Enforcement, which removes the ban on possession of handguns and also establishes new rules for transporting and using firearms.

BSI**From Page 1**

Casino officials debated the extent of disclosure with commission lawyer Michael Ernest who defended the CNMI’s Open Government Act.

The much ado about disclosure centered on whether or not the “entire [public] meeting with the rating company” should be under executive session or be open for public disclosure, Deleon Guerrero said yesterday.

“Some of the agencies that were here today were not necessarily public information because as the [casino] company prepares to do its own financing—this is a publicly listed company—and anything they do particularly in the area of revenue generation, they have to follow the Hong Kong stock market rules and related procedures,” explained Deleon Guerrero.

Deleon Guerrero would not characterize the debate as a “disagreement” when asked, but said the casino took the position the finances involved “privileged propriety information,” and cited Hong Kong stock mar-

ket rules and procedures that prevented this disclosure.

Nevertheless, the commission took that position “that anything that is not specifically confidential should be open to the public so that you folks the media can sit in and listen,” Deleon Guerrero said.

“...At all possible, we would like to make everything public through the Open Government Act,” he said.

Still, they “were asked not to identify any one of the rating agencies, Deleon Guerrero also said.

“They’ve requested that pursuant to some sections of their publicly listed situation in Hong Kong that the mere fact that [the agencies are here] should not be for public disclosure.”

He did, though, disclose that officials from Morgan Stanley, Credit Suisse, among other groups, were present as “financial institutions.”

“Our concern is that we have an Open Government Act here and that we want to comply. In whatever we do we want it to be transparent.”

In the end, he said, the commission proceeded with discussion publicly. And only when they felt that the

discussions were centering in on propriety most decided to enter executive session, he said.

“But there is nothing that the commission made as far official decisions and rulings, we cannot do that in executive session so none was made,” he added, saying that the commission had gone on recess and are meeting with the rating agencies again today and Thursday.

Cease-and-desist order

Deleon Guerrero was also pressed yesterday for an update on a meeting that the commission had with the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality officials and construction contractors recently, over reported regulatory violations at the Grand Mariana Casino resort construction site in the heart of prime beachside in Garapan.

MCC International Saipan LTD is the prime contractor with the Grand Mariana and is also cosignatory to many of cargo construction goods that have arrived on island recently.

The company’s subcontractors, though, have presented issues with overstaying workers, and defecating on construction site beach-

es, among others, a highly placed source said yesterday.

This has prompted a “CEASE AND DESIST/ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER, signed by Frank Rabauliman, BECQ administrator, dated March 31, 2016, in reference to the Division of Environmental Quality (Complainant) vs. Imperial Pacific International (CNMI), LLC (Respondent) on Case No. DEQ WEEC 2016-AO-002” to be issued to the company.

“My understanding was that BECQ gave them a list of things to do and my understanding that is being discussed,” said Deleon Guerrero, when pressed for more information.

“My understanding is that BECQ has restricted them from working on the evenings and on Sundays until those issues that were requested to be provided were provided,” he said. “So we don’t know what the status is.”

Request for comment from BECQ sent near press time yesterday was not immediately responded to.

The violations have to do “with the regulatory conditions that they did not meet,” Deleon Guerrero said, or “BECQ requirements as provided for in the permit.”

“And those that deal with wastewater issues,” he added.

The administrative order that prevents construction at evenings and weekends has prompted worry in the commission that this will slow down construction and cause the company to miss its target completion dates.

Deleon Guerrero said the licensee has planned to complete the Grand Marianas’ “gaming” side by December of this year.

“And we are concerned that the target date may not be met if they have any other stringent conditions added on by our other regulatory partners.”

“...There are some questions as to whether or not they can meet the scheduled date of completion,” he said.

If they do not meet that date, Deleon Guerrero said, this will become an issue

for the commission as they are mobilizing staff to prepare for the additional slot machines, the additional gaming tables, and for preparation for all needed surveillance presence in the facility.

“That’s very much an issue for the commission,” he said.

Still, Deleon Guerrero insisted that whatever further regulatory decisions come out against the casino, the commission would play its role in enforcing these.

“...If they issue an order, we would expect the licensee to be in compliance of those orders—and if not—we will help them enforce them.”

“Whether [the orders come from] BECQ or the [attorney general] or whatever,” Deleon Guerrero said, “we are a government entity after all and we are all responsible to enforce the Commonwealth laws and regulations.”

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Why Manglona didn't recuse from \$40M lawsuit?

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U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona denied a motion of the son of former Saipan mayor Donald Flores and Cecilia U. Flores for her to recuse from his mother's \$40-million lawsuit.

Derron Gerard Flores, through counsel Juan T. Lizama, filed his motion to recuse the next day after Manglona heard his request to substitute as plaintiff for his mother, Cecilia Flores, who passed away in September 2015.

In an order issued on Monday denying Derron Flores' request to recuse, Manglona ruled that a reasonable person with knowledge of all the facts would not question her impartiality in this case because of the participation of her husband, CNMI Supreme Court Associate Justice John A. Manglona, in the Indalecio v. Yarofalir decision.

Manglona heard last April 21 Derron Flores' motion to substitute.

Manglona said the central issue in that motion to substitute is whether Cecilia Flores' claims against defendants survive her and may be continued

by her son, Derron.

The defendants in Cecilia Flores' lawsuit are MUFG Union Bank, Ken Kato, and Victoria B. Concepcion. She sued the defendants over a bank manager's alleged unauthorized release of Donald Flores' money years prior to his death from his \$200,000 time certificate of deposit to a person representing him.

Manglona said in their briefing papers and at oral argument, the parties focused on whether Indalecio v. Yarofalir, a case decided by the CNMI Supreme Court in 2006, controls the outcome.

Manglona said defendants say it does control, but Derron Flores, through counsel, says it doesn't.

Associate Justice John Manglona was one of three justices who decided the Indalecio case.

Manglona said prior to and during the April 21 hearing, no party objected to her deciding the substitution motion on grounds that her husband's participation in Indalecio case might somehow taint her judgment.

The next day, April 22,

Derron Flores filed the motion to recuse "on the ground that the issue before the court involved the same matter" that Manglona's husband heard in Indalecio case.

Lizama asserted that this circumstance creates a reasonable question whether Manglona can be impartial.

In denying the motion, Manglona said a judge must

disqualify herself "in any proceeding in which [her] impartiality might reasonably be questioned."

Manglona said Derron Flores' description of the situation is inaccurate.

Manglona said this matter is not the same as Indalecio case, and the issues are different.

Manglona said Cecilia Flores' case doesn't involve the same matter as Donald Flores' lawsuit against First Hawaiian Bank.

She noted that the subject of both cases is a dispute over the fate of a \$200,000 certificate of deposit that Donald Flores purchased in 1993.

Manglona said Indalecio case is a different matter, concerning the cause of death of Christopher Indalecio in 2002.

In that limited sense, Man-

glona said, the two cases are similar, but such similarity cannot reasonably be thought to create an appearance of impartiality.

Manglona said the disputed point in Indalecio's case is whether Christopher Indalecio's medical malpractice claim against a doctor and hospital survived his death.

In Cecilia Flores' case, the judge noted, it is whether her fraud claims against a bank and its officers survived.

Manglona said she was not being called on to uphold or undo what then-chief justice Miguel Demapan, then-associate justice Alejandro Castro, and her husband held and did in the Indalecio case.

Manglona said even if her husband, Justice Manglona, had dissented, she would still have to follow the majority's holding.

"My decision on Derron's motion for substitution will have no effect on the right of Indalecio's estate administrator to pursue its claim, even if that litigation is still ongoing," the judge said.

Manglona said what Derron Flores seems to have in mind when he refers to "matter" and "issue" is a pure question of law: whether in the CNMI a victim's tort claims survive the victim's death and may be continued by the estate.

In that limited sense, Man-

glona said so long as she appeared inclined to issue a favorable decision, the counsel apparently had not trouble with the alleged risk of partiality.

Manglona said the implication is that counsel was content to let her decide the motion until he received the impression, from her comments and questions at the hearing, that she might not be reading Indalecio's case in a way favorable to his client.

Manglona said so long as she appeared inclined to issue a favorable decision, the counsel apparently had not trouble with the alleged risk of partiality.

In a separate order on Monday, Manglona denied Derron Flores' request to substitute as plaintiff to allow him to pursue his mother's lawsuit against a bank and its former employees.

In the same order, the judge dismissed without prejudice Cecilia Flores' lawsuit. Dismissal without prejudice means the case can be re-filed in the future.

Manglona ruled that because Cecilia Flores' claims were extinguished when she died in September 2015, Derron Flores' motion to substitute him as plaintiff in the lawsuit is denied.

When Donald Flores died in June 2014, Cecilia Flores was appointed administratrix in the probate of his estate.



Manglona



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-16-012

SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF POWER DISTRIBUTION ANNUAL MATERIALS

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified vendors for the Supply and Delivery of Power Distribution Annual Materials for Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$80.00 for one IFB package set.

CUC may award a contract to more than one firm for the materials, based on bids for "Commodity Groups."

One (1) Original Hard Copy must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-16-012, Supply & Delivery of Power Distribution Annual Materials, Saipan, CNMI" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on May 19, 2016**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. *A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to CUC Procurement & Supply Division via email address cucprocurement@cucgov.org or alternately include a CD with the copy of the submission.*

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. All responses to this Invitation for Bids should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the bidder, awarded a contract.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. The award of a contract(s) is contingent upon the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission and the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Board of Director's approval. The contract(s) will not be executed by CUC until such approval is provided.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 2, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Joseph Crisostimo, CUC Power Division, Purchasing Technician via email joseph.crisostimo@cucgov.org

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

/s/ GARY CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

/s/ MANNY B. SABLAM
Purchasing Officer

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-ITB-16-013

SALE AND REMOVAL OF SCRAP MATERIALS FROM THE WAREHOUSE

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is inviting interested individuals and firms to bid on CUC Scrap materials located in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Bid Package may be obtained at no charge upon registration at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

One (1) original and One (1) copy must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "**CUC-ITB-16-013, CUC Sale & Removal of Scrap Materials from the Warehouse**" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on May 26, 2016, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

Bidders must sign a Waiver of Liability, removing CUC's liability from claims resulting from violations relating to the removal and disposal of the scrap materials. CUC shall transfer and assign the scrap materials to the prospective bidder in an **"As is, Where is"** condition. By accepting the transfer and assignment, the bidder acknowledges that CUC has made no representation or warranties of the merchantability, quality, fitness, and condition of the scrap materials.

The scrap materials may be inspected by appointment only, between the hours of 9:00 AM thru 3:00 PM Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, by contacting CUC Warehouse Division at telephone no. 322-6585.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects in the said bids, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in the best interest of the CUC.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on May 13, 2016, to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Administrative Technician for Procurement via email marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

/s/ GARY CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

/s/ MANNY B. SABLAM
Purchasing Officer



CIP PROGRAM OFFICE, OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

INVITATION TO BID

ITB16-GOV-103 Rota Municipal Solid Waste Improvement Project

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the CIP Program Office are soliciting sealed bids for the Rota Municipal Solid Waste Improvement Project in Tatachok on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project package will be available April 20, 2016 at the CIP Program Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan. A \$250.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a pre-bid conference meeting on Friday, May 6, 2016, 10:00 a.m. ChST at the Rota Mayor's Office conference room followed by a site visit to the project site. All inquiries regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. ChST, May 13, 2016 to the CIP Program Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or via email to esb.cip@gmail.com (Elizabeth S. Balajadia, P.E., CIP Project Manager), or fax (670) 664-2408. All responses to inquiries will be shared with all prospective contractors.

Sealed bids must be marked ITB16-GOV-103 Rota Municipal Solid Waste Improvement Project. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement & Supply located at the former Emergency Management Office, Building No. 1301, Ascension Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan no later than 9:00 a.m. ChST, May 20, 2016. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 9:00 a.m. ChST, May 20, 2016 and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than May 20, 2016 and the bid documents must be received no later than May 31, 2016. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Building No. 1301, Ascension Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. ChST, June 2, 2016. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be open at 10:00 a.m. ChST, May 20, 2016.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
- b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract. Acceptable assets are only:

- 1) Cash
- 2) US Government Securities
- 3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
- 4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is Two Hundred Ten (210) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per day, or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by 210 calendar days, the contract time and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ Ralph DLG. Torres,
Governor

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
CNMI Procurement & Supply

Oral cancer advocate remembers brother

By JON PEREZ

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REPORTER

Oral cancer is a type of the disease that Mami Ikeda is very much involved in after this caused the death of his brother, Kazunori Ikeda, two years ago. She became an advocate after that, turning into a voice in the campaign against oral cancer.

"It is something that my brother wanted me to do. He could have done it personally if ever he recovered," said an emotional Ikeda, who attended University of Guam professor Dr. Yvette Paulino's press conference on the findings of her study of betel nut chewing last Friday at the Governor's Office conference room.

"He told me to take photos since the first day of his treatment until he died. Pictures that he wanted to show to the community to see what happens and what oral cancer can do to you," she added. Ikeda's brother, known as Kazu in the community, died in February 2014.

She said that two of his

brother's friends—Roque Camacho and Jack Sablan—were also with him when they were undergoing chemotherapy and radiation treatment. They died two months apart, Camacho in April and Sablan in June.

Ikeda added that she and the families of Camacho and Sablan became close especially during the difficult time after the death of his brother and his two friends. "From the time of their treatment, we regularly see and comfort each other. For me, that's already an outreach program."

She became a speaker in the prevention and fight against oral cancer after her brother's death. "He's the only family that I got here, now he's gone. Talking about him to other people healed me a lot."

"I did not waste the opportunity of spreading oral cancer awareness and prevention. I don't want to think Kazu died for nothing. It was too late for my brother. It was too late for treatment but it's never too late

for others," added Ikeda.

Kazu sought chemotherapy and radiation treatment in the Philippines after his lymph nodes became swollen that surrounded his throat and chin. The doctors reassessed his situation to see if he can undergo surgery.

"But the doctor said there's nothing else that they could do about his situation and gave him two months to live," said Ikeda, who will again attend the Marianas March Against Cancer on May 13 and 14 at the Hopwood Junior High School grounds in Chalan Piao.

"A member of my family passed away that's why it has always been hard for me whenever I attend the MMAC. It's an emotional moment for me and the others since our loved ones are no longer with us," Ikeda said.

"A member of your family dies but for those left behind, cancer stays with you for the rest of your life. That's why we respect all survivors of any type of cancer."

305 avail Kalinga Foundation's services

A total of 305 people availed the services offered by Kalinga Foundation in their Medical Mission held last Sunday at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Aside from the usual blood pressure and sugar check and eye screening, Kalinga also offered body massage and reflexology, facial cleansing, and haircut. Sixty-one people sought counseling.

They also gave away 92 gift packs that contain bath soap, hand sanitizer, bathroom and facial tissues, cup, food container, baby powder, cotton buds, comb, bottled water, and baby toothbrush.

Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ (4th Watch) pastors Francis and Claire Javellonar, who helped organize the event, thanked all the volunteers that donated their service, time, and effort.

Nursing students from the Northern Marianas College, Marianas Eye Institute staff, stylists from Magic Touch and Salyn's salons and Loha's Spa, and Three M's Salon and Spa massage therapists volunteered their services.

Anita Valencia, Josefino Algenio, Ruth Doca, and Zion Raguindin won \$150 gift certificates from Marianas Eye Institute.

Kalinga Foundation also thanked honorary consul to the Philippines Eli Arago, Reps. B.J. Attao and Anthony Benavente, Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog, Kimberly Deleon Guerrero, Ronnie Doca and family, and all PMCC church members.



JON PEREZ
A volunteer gives a free haircut to one of those who availed the services of Kalinga Foundation's Medical Mission last Sunday at the Garapan Basketball Court. Free haircut is one of the services that make Kalinga Foundation's Medical Mission unique.

Kalinga Foundation.

Kalinga Partylist, through its Dalaw Kalinga Foundation, started this kind of community service back in the Philippines the Javellonars adopted it in the CNMI when they arrived on Saipan in 2001. (PR)



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Office of the Secretary of Public Works

2nd Floor Joeten Commercial Building, Oleai, Saipan, MP 96950



INVITATION FOR BIDS DPW-16-IFB-009

Construction of Koblerville Elementary School Open Canopy at Stage Area

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Construction of Koblerville Elementary School Open Canopy at Stage Area, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after April 27, 2016 at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a Pre-bid Conference for this project on May 13, 2016, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Project Site, located at Koblerville Elementary School, Koblerville, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on May 17, 2016 to Mr. George C. Sablan, Acting Director of Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to Mr. George C. Sablan, Acting Director of Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.

Sealed bids must be marked "DPW-16-IFB-009". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascension Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, June 01, 2016. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, June 01, 2016, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than June 01, 2016 and the bid documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than June 10, 2016. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascension Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at 10:30 a.m. local time, June 14, 2016. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. local time, on June 01, 2016.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surely requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
- b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

- 1) Cash
- 2) US Gov't Securities
- 3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
- 4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is Sixty (60) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of One Hundred US\$100.00 for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ PETER P. CAMACHO
Acting Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply

MMAC adds 4 more title sponsors

Four businesses became additional title sponsors for the 2016 Marianas March

Against Cancer donating more than \$3,000 each for the fundraising event set on May

13 and 14 at the Hopwood Junior High School grounds in Chalan Piao.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Bank of Guam vice president Marcie Tomokane, standing third left, and 2016 Marianas March Against Cancer committee members led by chair Geralyn C. Dela Cruz, seating second right.



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IT&E will be providing more than \$5,500 worth of services to the Commonwealth Cancer Association.



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Hyatt Regency Saipan staff shows their support to the 2016 Marianas March Against Cancer committee members.

Bank of Guam continued their support to MMAC by donating \$3,000 cash, while IT&E will be providing \$5,500 worth of services to the Commonwealth Cancer Association and raffle prizes for the MMAC.

Gerilyn Dela Cruz, this year's MMAC overall committee chair, again thanked BOG's management and staff for their untiring support in the fight against cancer. "Bank of Guam has been an annual supporter of the MMAC for many years now so we commend them for their continued sponsorship."

IT&E, meanwhile, will be providing the CCA office a complimentary landline ser-

vice on an annual basis as part of their contribution to MMAC, while also donating prizes that will be raffled out on the day of the event.

IT&E has also partnered with the Saipan Southern High School to form a team for the 2016 MMAC.

"On behalf of the 2016 Marianas March Against Cancer committee, we'd like to send a sincere thanks to IT&E for their sponsorship of the 2016 MMAC," said Dela Cruz.

"IT&E has been an annual title sponsor for well over a decade so we commend them for their untiring support in the fight against cancer," added Dela Cruz.

She also encouraged the community to buy \$1 raffle tickets being sold by Team IT&E/SSHS for a chance to

win awesome prizes at the MMAC event on May 13.

Hyatt Regency Saipan and T Galleria each donated \$3,000 in cash that will be used to fund the continued fight against all types of cancer.

"The MMAC is grateful to Hyatt and T Galleria by DFS for their continued support in the battle against cancer. Both companies have been named title sponsors of the 2016 MMAC. We applaud them for their efforts to raise badly needed funds for the MMAC," said Dela Cruz.

"All funds raised for the MMAC are spent entirely in the CNMI on cancer patient support services and cancer awareness programs so we urge the community to come out and support this great cause." (PR)



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Commonwealth Cancer Association president Bo Palacios, fourth left, receives the check from T Galleria DFS Saipan president Marian Aldan Pierce.



BSI SUPPORTS NMC FOUNDATION

Best Sunshine International, Ltd. is supporting NMC Foundation's needs like resources and funding for student programs, campus revitalization projects, and potential financial assistance for students in need. In this photo: From left, BSI Corporate Social Responsibility directors Geri Dela Cruz and Rita Chong, BSI chief executive officer Mark Brown, NMC Foundation president Mary Tenorio, NMC Foundation executive director James Glenn, and ASNMC president Kaisuke Yoshida. During the check donation ceremony, Tenorio said "The NMC foundation is extremely grateful for Best Sunshine for their donation. The funds are going toward the new facilities and resources for the college. After Typhoon Soudelor, a lot of the buildings got damaged. So this would really help. That's our main goal for this year—to raise enough money to rebuild, repair, and improve."

The Marianas Visitors Authority held a press launch in the Philippines last week to promote direct flights between Saipan and Manila by Philippine Airlines beginning June 15, 2016.

PAL will fly the route twice weekly utilizing the Airbus A320 with 156 seats. The airline will depart Manila on Sunday and Wednesday at 9:20pm and depart Saipan on Monday and Thursday at 4:35am. The service will be operated by PAL Express.

"The press launch was very successful in Manila, with a lot of support expressed from Philippine Airlines," said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "In addition to making it easier for direct travel to and from the Philippines for vacation,

business or medical referral, and it's also going to be a great opportunity to make connections to the NMI from other destinations. We welcome this new partnership."

The press launch in Manila on Thursday, April 21, was attended by MVA board member Jerry Tan, PAL president and chief operating officer Jaime Bautista, MVA senior adviser Jemy See, and other dignitaries. Pocket launches were also held in Cebu and Davao, with destination presentations for travel agents.

The launch was covered by media including *Philippine Star*, the most widely read broadsheet in the country with a market share of over 50 percent and over 2.7 million daily readers nationwide. (PR)



The Marianas Visitors Authority held a launch and presentation to tour agents on April 20, 2016, in Davao to formally announce direct, bi-weekly flights to Saipan by Philippine Airlines beginning on June 15, 2016.

Coast Guard seeks public's help locating owner of dive float found near Punaluu

HONOLULU—The U.S. Coast Guard is seeking the public's help in identifying the owner of a dive float found in the vicinity of Punaluu, Oahu, Saturday.

The dive float is orange with a dive flag and green mesh bag attached to it.

Anyone with information that may help identify the owner of the dive float is asked to contact the Coast Guard Sector Honolulu Command Center at 808-842-2600.

Watchstanders at the Sector Honolulu Command Center received a report at 12:44 p.m. from a good Samaritan who located the dive float on the shore.

Sector Honolulu watchstanders issued an urgent marine information broadcast notice to mariners and launched an MH-65 Dolphin helicopter aircrew from Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point to search the area.

There are currently no re-

ported signs of distress or missing persons in the area.

"The Coast Guard encourages owners who lose their water craft and dive gear to report it to the Coast Guard with a good description so that we can eliminate any unnecessary searches," said Lt. j.g. Christa Funk, a search and rescue coordinator at the Sector Honolulu command center.

The Coast Guard offers free "If Found" decals to be placed in a visible location on small, human-powered watercraft through the Operation Paddle Smart program. The information on the sticker can allow response entities to quickly identify the vessel's owner and aid search and rescue planners in determining the best course of action.

The stickers can be obtained for free at local harbormasters, through the Coast Guard Auxiliary, from Honolulu Sail and Power Squadron offices and at select marine retail and supply stores. (PR)

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



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Birthday greetings go out to Zanicia & Zavier P. Limes. Double the joy, double the love, and of course double the warm hugs all sent your way to wish you both a very happy 4th birthday. Love, FloMiViNy.

MVA hosts press launch for PAL



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The Marianas Visitors Authority held a press launch on April 21, 2016, in Manila to formally announce direct, bi-weekly flights to Saipan by Philippine Airlines beginning on June 15, 2016. Panelists from left, Ria Domingo (VP-Marketing, PAL), Ismael Gozon (SVP-Airline Operations), David Lim (SVP-Commercial Group), Jaime Bautista (president-PAL), Bonifacio Sam (President-PAL Express), Jerry Tan (MVA board), Jemy See (senior adviser for MVA Philippines), and Alex Stutely (SVP-Luen Thai Enterprises).



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The Marianas Visitors Authority held a launch on April 19, 2016, in Cebu to formally announce direct, bi-weekly flights to Saipan by Philippine Airlines beginning on June 15, 2016. Pictured are senior adviser for the MVA in the Philippines Jemy See, center in black, MVA staff, and travel agents.

Docomo wins best TV commercial at CCA awards

TAMUNING, GUAM—Docomo Pacific was recently recognized as a winner at the Competitive Carrier Association's Excellence in Marketing Awards for its "Best Day of My Life" TV commercial in the Carrier Category.

This is the first time Docomo Pacific has ever participated in the national competition which honors creative and innovative marketing campaigns. The winners, in five categories, were recently announced during the Mobile Carriers Show in Music City Center in Nashville, Tennessee.

"Every day we are committed to bringing you and your family closer to the things that matter most—and we couldn't accomplish this without the hard work of our highly talented production team," said Tom Valderrama, chief marketing officer for Docomo Pacific. "Docomo Pacific is extremely proud of this accomplishment."

The commercial marked the launch of Docomo Pacific's all-new "Better Together" brand look and feel, featuring a fun, energetic vibe with local talent and promoting the island's scenic beauty. It was welcomed by viewers on Guam and around the world with high praise and enthusiasm.

Docomo Pacific's production team is comprised of



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Bobby Bonifacio (front), Odyessa San Nicolas, Myong Hong, Tom Valderrama, John Calvo (second row), Joey Kawamoto, and Francis Tenorio (back) pose with the Competitive Carrier Association's Excellence in Marketing Awards' best TV commercial award.

Bobby Bonifacio Jr., creative manager; John Calvo, production artist; Myong Hong, production artist; Joey Kawamoto, production artist; Odyessa San Nicolas, creative coordinator; Francis Tenorio, production artist.

They are all "homegrown" artists who are leaders in their respective crafts. The dedication of our team to the creative industry spans decades of experience on Guam. This year's submissions were highly creative, focusing on the many important ways consumers are using and can benefit from robust mobile connections," said Steven K. Berry, president and CEO of CCA in a CCA media release.

CCA members are community based and care about their local consumers, and finding the right message that resonates with current and future customers is an incredibly important part of their businesses. Congratulations to all the winners who continue to advance the competitive mobile ecosystem through print, broadcast and social media

marketing channels."

CCA is the nation's leading association for competitive wireless providers and stakeholders across the United States. It is comprised of nearly 100 carrier members who cover more than 95 percent of the nation.

Visit <http://www.ccamobile.org/> to learn more about the Competitive Carrier Association.

The winning submission can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VdlQvjAtYH8>. (PR)

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Dennis Hastert deserves prison time, not probation

Former U.S. House Speaker Dennis Hastert will face the music on Wednesday. Can U.S. District Judge Thomas M. Durkin name that tune in zero-to-six months?

That's the sentencing range a probation officer recommended after Hastert pleaded guilty to one count of illegally structuring bank withdrawals. Durkin could reject that finding, though, and impose a sentence of up to five years in prison. He has plenty of reasons to do so.

Federal prosecutors say Hastert withdrew \$952,000 — \$9,000 at a time, from four banks — to evade reporting requirements. Hastert had been taking out \$50,000 at a time until he was told that the federal Patriot Act requires banks to report cash transactions of \$10,000 or more. He'd withdrawn \$1.7 million over 4 1/2 years by the time FBI agents knocked on his door to ask him why.

They eventually learned that Hastert had agreed to pay \$3.5 million to cover up "past misconduct." He was making secret payments to a former student he'd allegedly sexually abused while coaching a high school wrestling team in the 1970s.

A two-year investigation found that Hastert had improper sexual contact with five boys — five — in his 16 years as a coach and teacher in the far southwest suburb, prosecutors say in a pre-sentence filing.

The document goes to great lengths to explain why those lurid events are relevant to the otherwise boring white-collar crime for which Hastert will be sentenced. In a word: motive.

If Hastert had secretly withdrawn almost a million dollars of his own money because he thought it would be safer in a box under his bed — pretty much what he told FBI agents the first time they asked — we'd all be sharing a collective shrug right now. But what he was doing, prosecutors say, was paying to conceal his serial sexual abuse of minors.

The document describes Hastert's alleged encounters with the boys in the locker room and in a motel on the way home from a wrestling camp. One of them recalled that Hastert put a La-Z-Boy-type chair "in direct view of the shower stalls in the locker room where he sat while the boys showered," it says.

Having dredged up these allegations and shared them with the world, prosecutors confounding assert that they're OK with the recommended sentencing range of probation to six months in prison — the lowest possible sentence for a felony under federal guidelines.

Hastert's attorneys are asking for probation. Their sentencing memo says Hastert "feels deep regret and remorse for his actions decades ago and is prepared to accept the consequences" — which he believes should include no prison time.

Hastert's request for leniency pushes all the usual buttons. He's old (74).

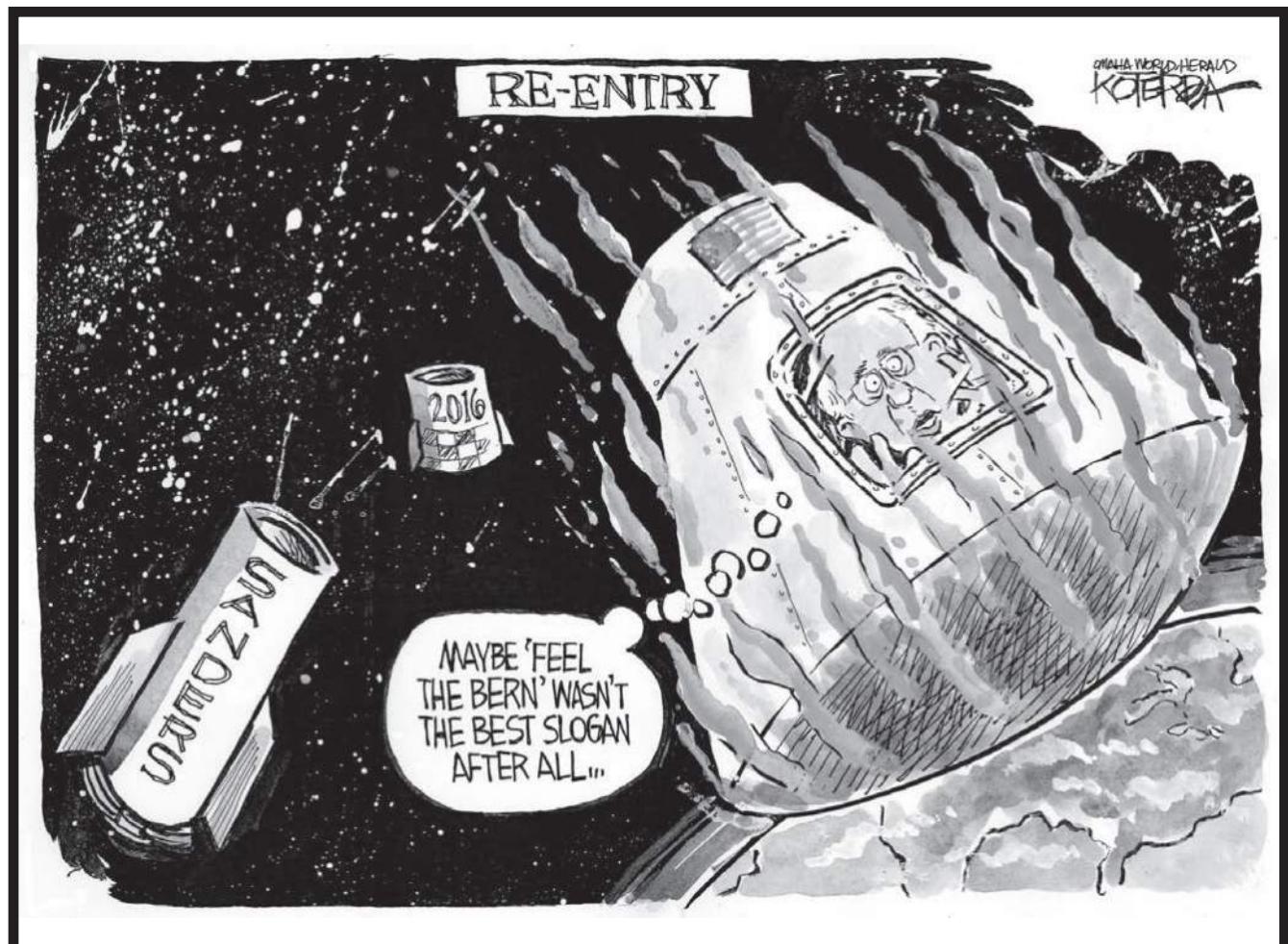
He's sick. (Hastert is recovering from a near-fatal blood infection and stroke suffered late last year.)

He's a lifelong public servant whose misconduct should be weighed against his considerable contributions to society.

He's already been punished. He's been publicly shamed, which is precisely what he was trying to avoid by agreeing to pay his victim \$3.5 million.

He's sorry, profoundly sorry. The problem is that it's not

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Liu Xiaopeng

The title name is contrived. This article about the person is a composite picture, portrayed like the Christ drama playing this season of the Church, about the ecclesia, the household of fundamental humanity, in the name of the Greek theos.

Liu Xiaopeng on Saipan was petitioned as an immigrant, which was approved after he turned 21 rather than at the age when the petition was made earlier. Procedurally, he now lines up with the rest, which by the Immigration's estimate is about seven years.

He came as an unmarried person but had since fallen in love with a Chinese mei mei on island, serious about becoming a family so he will have to weigh his options carefully. A seven-year wait and staying single makes families forego the formality of a legal union, ironically, contravening the State Department's policy of protecting the family!

We do not point on anyone's deficiency, or malignancy, not on the system nor on the applicant. Xiaopeng is not a dispensable and faceless creature in a crowd, a dismissible digit in a pile of numbers. He has a history of his own, unique to his experience and situation, a breathing human being.

Xiaopeng fended for himself under his maternal grannies' care after his parents divorced in China. Deferring to elders is deeply embedded in the Chinese social DNA. Like most Chinese, he grew with an eye on units of activity rather than continuity of the journey from birth to death. Consistency is not a high value, practicality is, moving from one unit of spacetime to another rather than on a journey stream of chronological line.

His mom remarried an American guy from NYC who came to China for visits, petitioned for them to join him but the process took an unexpected bend. The U.S. Consulate in Guangzhou decided the marriage was not "bona fide" so the mother paid a steep price to rendezvous with her husband in a U.S. territory, the CNMI. Mama's considerable Yuan expense for the effort was wasted as the husband failed to show up. He had an advance case of Alz and was confined to a care home. He could not even locate his travel papers and passport.

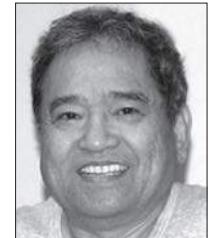
NYC Alz sufferer agreed on a divorce and died not too long after. Mama met a guy in Saipan who followed her to China and that's how Xiaopeng got to be on Saipan awaiting for his immigration status as a result of a petition. A bit dismayed with the "yes but" in the turn of events, it was just one more in series of denials since petitions were made on his behalf.

Now he is determined to create his own destiny. He had much practice doing this as his grandpa wanted him to matriculate at a certain university. He attended another school but pretended he was pursuing what his grandpa wanted. There was no conflict in

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his mind to what he was doing. He maintained his mienzi, social face, without actually doing what others wanted him to do. Defiance was not his intent. He acted on his own, a feat of considerable yin-yang balance.

The irony this year was that Xiaopeng was an overstaying tourist on Saipan without incurring the ire of USCIS as he was in his stepfather's care. He had a round-trip ticket valid for a year. Leaving was not so much an option as a necessity since when the petition was granted; he had to leave and return with a valid status before going to the next step, if he still desired to migrate to the United States. Otherwise, he was just another of the numerous Chinese citizens who overstayed their visa in the CNMI.

Xiaopeng's upbringing included an ethic that focused on transactions one deal at a time. He gets frustrated when things do not turn out right by his expectation, avoiding immediate failures rather than build on previous experiences, learn from them; more concerned with the moment's social face rather than reality's parameters.

I am belaboring Xiaopeng's journey to say that the world in general follows the same pattern of maintaining face. Trusting anyone as a starting point is shunned, and like a Chinese businessman, seeking a position of advantage to close a transaction is the deal, never mind other consequences. Wall Street is not too far behind, more interested in closing a deal rather than maintaining a system.

Worst, we operate defensively out of fear, mostly imagined than real.

There is an ethical dimension in Chinese society, like the idealistic moralism in Europe, faithful to a theological master enshrined on Mt. Olympus, or the dictates of a sacred scripture; the sense of "ought-ness" is by virtue of established social practice rather than a sense of right or wrong, a contradiction in the mind rather than a choice on deeds.

Mao wrote on contradictions to promote his communism resorting to communalism to chart the change from the superiority of the illuminati to the ascendancy of the farmer and the worker, a delicate balancing act similar to Xiaopeng's yin-yang feat, maintaining all forces within the same circle.

Xiaopeng stayed on Saipan oblivious of legal implication. He outgrew legal torpedoes.

Mandaton Lai Konstitusion

Segun pettiente na probision konstitusion debi uma'apase dabin gobietnu gi uttimon mina' segundu sakan desde ke humalom i nuebu na administrasion.

Kumeke ilegña na i dibi ni gaige poku 'mas' 'omenus \$572 miyon pesus debi uma'apase gi uttimon otru sakan, 2017. Ti siña na para konbifienten niha para umatatiye. Lai konstitusion yan lai iya Marianas siha debi u fan matatiye. Estague' muna fiftme areglun gobietnamentu.

Siempre tali'e disposition niha gi otru sakan kau matatiye mandaton lai konstitusion pot apas dabin gobietnu. Yangin para umafatkelye pues siempre ta chule' halom gi kotte pot satton na tinatiyen lai i tanu' dehemunos haf rayamu!

Esklabu: I kuestion kau ligat ma-apasiye gastun kumareran para iya China yan otru siha lugat ni un' kompania? I asuntu mas gaige gi bandan integredat ke ligat.

'Nai ma-apasiye hau, ensegidas un' dibi ennau na kompania. Un' tutuhon maliñgun integredat sa' mama' hau esklabu yan galagun kompania. Un' tutuhon umeskapaye haf' dipotshi obligacion-mu kumu offisiat publiku.

Nahuñ lini'e-hu nu este na babarias desde 1978. 'An un' batbaruye pues siempre un' fagcha'e problema gi ge' fena. Maliñgu kontodu inañgoghun publiku giya hagu. Lastima!

Hanom Lancheria: I Lt. Govenor as Biktot Hokog ha punu' priniponen inestablesen inetnon pot ayudun hanom para i lach-erian iya Luta pa'gu na semana. Este na ginagau parat ausiliu gi man-lancheru siha pot umafagha' i nessesidat ayudun hanom yan tiempun maipe 'sino añglu'.

Malefa si Biktot Hokog na i fangularu'an 'nai ha sosoda' man-tension familiar niha i lancheru siha. Ha punu' este na ginaau gi hilu' natatah na esku siha. Estake para u siña mattu ayudun hanom ginen as Biktot Hokog atrasau sa' monhayan mankimason todurin lachenu siha.

Malefa si Biktot na mana' sikat gayun gayera kaiha parehu yan 'nai ha punu' linala' lancheru giya Luta. Malefa lokue' na responsablidat offisiat publiku i para u ayuda tautauña umadel-antian mahañgoñ niha. Lastima i appottunidat sa' ha luñu' yan punu' mas linala' i mamopble na lancheru!

Chechu' Kriminat: Ha annunsia i gobietnu na para una' para todurin kriminat gi halom gobietnamentu. Mauleg na planu.

Mas mauleg 'an siña hana' magahet ayu na fino'ñña sin u kilu-

log halom gi fache' hipokritu 'nai ha lumos maisague'. Tutuhon hau gi chineneq para u mana' suha (impeach) i segundomu as Biktot Hokog.

Desde ñgai'an 'nai siña ginen resulasion mana' en ñaihon fondon publiku para un' bisnis guine? Tras hana' seguru na mana'e \$400,000 pesus bisnis familiaña gi mafahan MV Luta. Siempre baina' fatti este na asuntu gi kotte. Donde 'sta este na chochu' kontra i taxpayers!

Disintunau: Hu e'ekuñgog sunidun imperadot hegsu' I Deni' pot esta pa'gu inipos disintunau. Kontodu kantot man-fatigau ni kantan niha. Dimas de umatulaika sige ha' de marepite! Kulau mohon tropan tañga!

Hu faien kau taya' otru kanta matuñgu'. Ileg niha huñgan. 'Nai mañganta, i mismu disintunau na softa sige marepite. Man-yayas! Dalai ya tima hahuñgog na inipos disintunau kantan niha. Ilegña un' kantot, "Ketu Ta Iku sa' guaguan apas mamame maseha disintunau". Man-osgun. Taya' planun adelantu!

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Amot Manhassu: Mattu un' suruhanu gi gima' ume'e hagun mala' et ke tinegcha' atmagosu para u lomug para amot. Hu tugane un' hagun troñkun "nim" para u tañga'. Esta nina' fofo ni mala' etña.

Mañule' sa' dinanche na hagun. Hu faien haf' na klasen che-not para u amte. Ilegña, "Champuladu!" Ha esplika na guiy este na chenot i sentaya' koneksion entre titanos yan sekus i malañgu. Udu! Hunu' e un' puñu doni' sali para u chage puede fuetsau pinila' chenot champuladu. Ai na grasia!

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Tai Ma'ñau: Muñga mafatta tai respetu-mu (mañan presonidu) kontra areglu yan lai i tanu'. Piot ya gaige hau gi tatkilu' na puestu. Mas magu' ot hau satton na responsablidat gi tinatiyen lai siha. Dispues, cha' mu malelefa na sisteman demokrasia i modun gobietnamentu guine.

Ti umahñau na siempre adumididi' ta tutuhon umareglia tatte tano' ta gi hilu' sisteman demokrasia pot interes i linahyan. 'An tai planu hau rumespetu haf' mandatun lai siha, pues maulg un' resigna hau ginen puestomu pa'gu. Cha' mu nanañga na i publiku un' inafuetsas ginen puestomu. Ti mapot este machogue pot interes publiku 'nai u tachu pot dirichoña.

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Arestau: I ma-arestan ginen ma'gas polisia pot masogne

Why do I feel like a party crasher?

I registered as a Democrat in 1980, shortly after I turned 18. I was fairly apolitical and picked that party because I (wrongly) assumed that most of my relatives were registered with the party of JFK. We were Catholics, after all, mostly working class and old-world ethnic. It was only later that I learned my Italian grandparents were registered as Republicans, who nonetheless crossed party lines to vote for Kennedy. My other grandmother was a staunch Democrat, but I didn't really like her very much for reasons having nothing to do with politics and everything to do with the fact that she insisted on buying me polyester pantsuits as presents, so my devotion to the Dems was tenuous at best.

Although my memory is dim, I do believe I voted for Jimmy Carter the first time I could cast a ballot. The memory is probably dim because I usually push unpleasant things far to the back of my mind. I struggle to believe I didn't support the greatest president of the last half century when I first had the opportunity to do so, but as I said before, I was apolitical early on. Football inspired me more than hardball.

That soon changed. I quickly learned that I had very strong political beliefs, I just never identified them as "political." Abortion was (and is) murder. Religion must be allowed in the public square. A strong national defense is essential, and appeasement of enemies under the guise of diplomacy is sinful. Immigration, on the other hand, is not (this was before the "legal-illegal" war of words began). The government should provide a safety net for the poor. The government has the right to legislate morality,

especially where children are involved.

And presidents should not have oral sex in the White House with women not their wives (and maybe not even then).

From this, you can tell that I was an atypical Democrat. And still, I didn't change my registration because I rarely focused on the primaries and saved my fire for the general elections. Plus, I usually crossed party lines, particularly when I remedied the huge mistake in 1980 and finally voted for Reagan the second time around. As a Pennsylvanian I also voted as many times as I could for Rick Santorum, Pat Toomey, George Bush, John McCain, Mitt Romney and a sprinkling of Democrats. The only one I embraced wholeheartedly was former Pennsylvania Gov. Bob Casey Sr., a pro-life Democrat, not a cowardly squish like, "I won't impose my views," Mario Cuomo.

But then, this year happened. I came to the realization that regardless of what happens with the youthful voters of this country, much more engaged than I ever was, Bernie will not win the nomination. Hillary has been practicing for this her whole life, and she's too inevitable. I'm not happy about it, and am planning an exit strategy if she wins, but there it is.

But if I did something radical and actually made my paternal grandmother twirl rapidly in her grave by registering as Republican, I might influence the Republican race discounting the whole delegate mish-mash.

So that's what I did. Now I'm a member of the GOP and I can support my man, John Kasich. Great to be in the new neighborhood.

Except, there haven't been any housewarming parties. No pies

Defense attorneys say Hastert doesn't contest that story but has "no current recollection of the episode described by Individual D."

Hastert's attorneys objected to letting Individual D testify at Wednesday's sentencing hearing, saying he wasn't legally a victim and should submit a written statement instead. But Durkin disagreed, even postponing the hearing to accommodate Individual D's schedule.

"If Individual D wants to come in and talk about being a victim of sexual abuse, he's entitled to do so because that informs my decision about the history and characteristics of the defendant," the judge said. "It's that simple."

Durkin also made it clear that Hastert could be penalized

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ha abusa un' minot na patgon palao'an tat tiha tomba guine gi alacha. Makat na mensahe 'nai ha fondu inañgoghun publiku gi depattamentu ni pumupulan pas yan safun membron komunida guine.

Dispues ilegña i ginen ma'gas polisia na baba mataña mina' ti siña ha tuñgu' kao minot. Lau ha segunduye gumalute i mismu patgon. Magahet na tiha ketuñgu' haye ha fefuegu? Hombre iya, komprendiyun i guafen minamahlau ni hagu mismu sumoñge.

Namase' i prohima sa' petmanente ayu na paladañg giya guiy. Namase' pot todurin i botlu yan minamahlau ni para uchahlañgu' man-atuñgoñ'ña. Puede u ma-akonseha pot para uma-esgaihon tatte gi dinanche na chalan lina'la'. Pina-sensia yan yine'ase'!

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Finu' Eñglis: Un' finagpu' eskuela, hu chuchule' un' sandwich para i gima'. Hafaisenyu' si nanahu haf chinilele'hu. Hu sañgane na sandwich. Ha laladeyu' na "sandrich" ayu, ahe' ti sandwich. Gi siguiente dia ha koriheyu' i maestraghu na "w" gaige gi palabra ti "d".

'Nai mattuyu' gi gima' hu sañgane si nanahu na basta mafana'gue-yu' finu' Eñglis sa' puru lache. Lau ansianu i amko' na para bai'n fan Amerikanu yan i atiloñghu! Ai na grasia!

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Chiliguagua': Hu tatiye un' premihu tumalaya. Era guahu chumuchule' i guagua' tumalaya. Gi un' tapada buyada kinine'ña na laiguan, tiau yan manineñg. Sigeyu' chumefla sa' esta nahuñ para kelaguen mame yan maneñgheñg sitbesa.

Gi kinekeyuñg mame sumugu' un' prohimu ya ilegña mauleñgu' an lamasan fiestan patron 'nai mapega i kelaguen. Inna'e todurin. 'Nai sige ham mumaneska dispues ilegña na taya' chesn mame. Hu sañgane na gaige ha' damagas-hu para bai chopchup! Ai na chaleg ham! Hombre makat ta ñega che'chu' santos.

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left in my doorstep. No, "welcome neighbor" grass mowing or bottles of wine or even friendly waves.

This, apparently, is not Mr. Rogers' neighborhood. This is a place as uninviting as the abortion-loving, 1 percent-hating Dems. Because I don't like either Trump or Cruz and will slit my throat before I vote for either, I've become, to some, that strange neighbor at the end of the street you warn your children against. I'm the one who is guaranteeing a Hillary victory. I'm the one spitting on the Constitution. I'm a "loooooser."

To be fair, not everyone in It Takes a Village of the Damned is standoffish and hostile. I've learned of an underground network where some Kasich voters manage to exchange messages and plan for their children's futures if Hillary wins and they're shot in the public square as traitors. But it's a small, valiant band.

All of this is to say that changing parties hasn't really changed much. I don't feel at home anywhere. But at least I'll be able to finally, after 25 years, cast a vote for someone in my own party in whom I truly believe.

But don't expect me to post a lawn sign. I can't get anyone to come over and mow the grass so you wouldn't see it anyway.

for lying to the FBI about why he'd withdrawn all that money. Hastert said he was being extorted by a former student who had falsely accused him of sexual abuse, but agents concluded that it was Hastert who was lying. "That's not conduct that's 40 years old," Durkin told the attorneys. "That's conduct that's a year old. Among the aggravating factors in this case, that's a big one."

The truth is that the aggravating factors in the case far outweigh the seriousness of the actual crime. That crime calls for a maximum sentence of five paltry years. Hastert ought to serve every minute of it.

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entirely clear what Hastert is profoundly sorry for. His encounter with Individual A — the former student Hastert was willing to pay millions to silence — "remains ambiguous," his attorneys say. "We are not so certain that the incident qualifies as sexual misconduct, especially for a coach and trainer 42 years ago," they wrote.

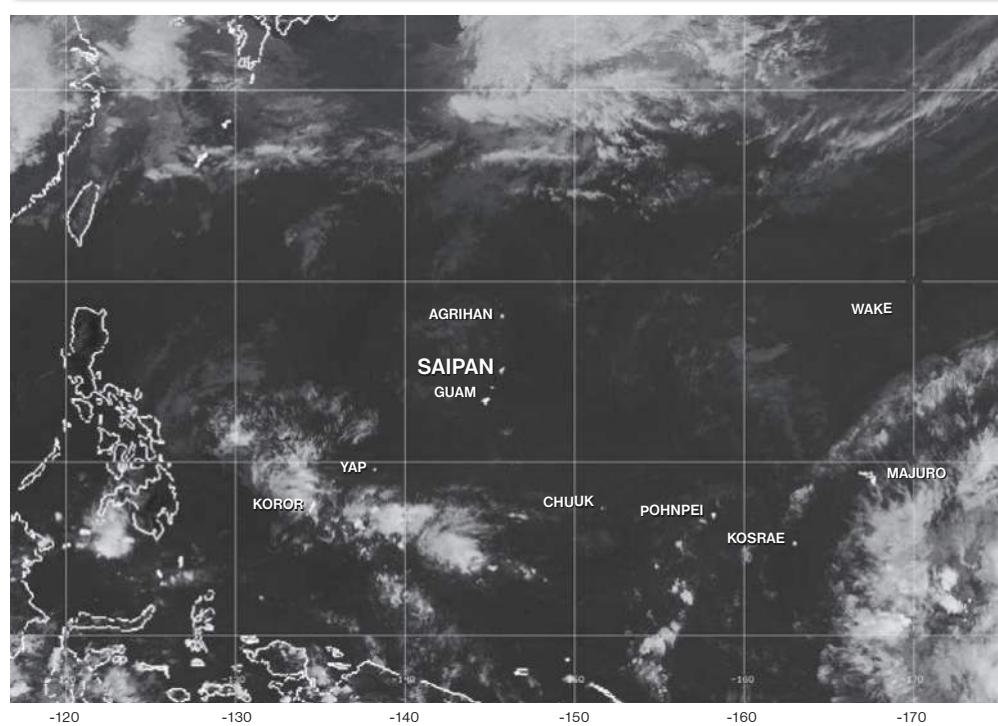
Then there's Individual D, who told prosecutors Hastert performed a sex act on him during a massage after wrestling practice.

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly cloudy with a slight chance of light showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with a slight chance of light showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 88° ▼ 76°	▲ 88° ▼ 76°	▲ 88° ▼ 76°	▲ 87° ▼ 76°	▲ 87° ▼ 76°

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00 PM, TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2016

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Trade-wind convergence along with upper-level divergence is causing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms near and northwest of Koror within 100 miles of a line from 12N130E to 7N135E and east of Koror within 80 miles of a line from 7N137E to 5N143E. A tropical disturbance centered east of Butaritari at about 3N175E is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms from Tarawa to near Majuro and along the date line between 7N and the equator from 169E to 180.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲ 87 ▼ 79
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Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 91 ▼ 78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 86 ▼ 81
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 87 ▼ 80
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▼ 80
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 84 ▼ 79

Around the Globe

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Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 82 ▼ 74
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85 ▼ 72
London	Showers	▲ 53 ▼ 33
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲ 72 ▼ 53
Manila	Mostly Sunny	▲ 97 ▼ 79
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	▲ 79 ▼ 65
Miami	Mostly Sunny	▲ 84 ▼ 73
New York	Sunny	▲ 63 ▼ 48
Osaka	Showers	▲ 70 ▼ 63
Paris	Showers	▲ 54 ▼ 36
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Rome	Showers	▲ 64 ▼ 56
Salem	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 61 ▼ 45
San Francisco	Windy	▲ 63 ▼ 53
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲ 75 ▼ 50
Tokyo	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 69 ▼ 56
Washington, DC	Cloudy	▲ 64 ▼ 55

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
12:18 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
6:00 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet
10:52 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
6:08 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.0 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:56 AM	6:34 PM
Thursday	5:55 AM	6:34 PM
Friday	5:55 AM	6:34 PM
Saturday	5:54 AM	6:34 PM
Sunday	5:54 AM	6:35 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	10:42 PM	9:34 AM
Thursday	11:32 PM	10:24 AM
Friday		11:16 AM
Saturday	12:21 AM	12:10 PM
Sunday	1:09 AM	1:06 PM

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- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF APRIL 21, 2016

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA2924	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA2923	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA2920	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA2920	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA2921	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA2920	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL297	4:20pm	7:05pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7	DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
7C3403	4:35am	8:30am	Daily	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm	3:30am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	UA190/2927	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
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The Shack Saipan hiring NMTI prospects

Students seeking certificates from Northern Marianas Trades Institute undergo a grueling on-the-job-training experience as part of their education. On a recent visit of a student enrolled in one of NMTI's programs, NMTI was given a glimpse into the overall hands-on learning experience students undertake.

While visiting Michele Francis, culinary arts student at The Shack Saipan located in Oleai yesterday, NMTI noticed that she was basking in array of different responsibilities way beyond the normal duties of a chef. Francis was actively engaging customers by taking their orders and following those orders until they were served to the respective customer.

According to Ross Manglona, NMTI director of Continuing Education & Workforce Development, "the dynamic experience that Francis is currently undergoing is what the program is all about. A student taking courses in the culinary arts in this case undergoes 240 hours of OJT to give them the actual application of theory learned in the classroom. In order to successfully earn a certificate in our program, students undergo a full 324 contact hours, thus showing



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Northern Marianas Trades Institute culinary arts student Michele Francis doing her on the job training at The Shack Saipan.

potential employers that the student understands theory and has successfully applied such theory in a real world setting."

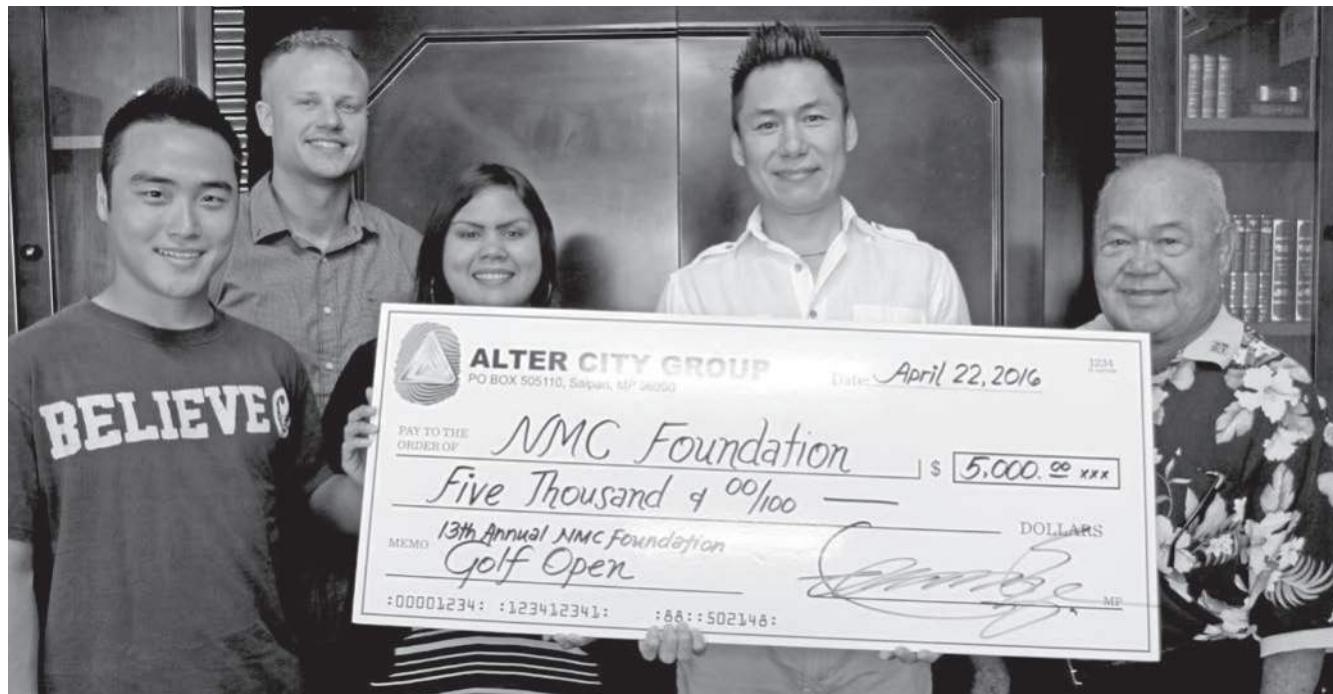
The Shack, owned and operated by Glen Hunter, is one enterprise that has a long standing with NMTI dating back when the institute was still being actively managed by the late Tony Pellegrino, a well renowned Saipan entrepreneur. According to Hunter, the front patio was built by NMTI construction trades students when he first opened operations a few years ago. When asked about his

thoughts on the OJT program requirement set upon students, Hunter said, "as a small business operating in the CNMI, I don't have the luxury as larger businesses of hiring a large amount of staff. The training arrangement gives us smaller establishments the ability to staff our restaurants with the help of the Workforce Investment Agency's financial support. WIA pays a portion of the OJT while I pay a portion, thus it gives us the ability to adequately staff our operations while being able to provide students with the experiential

learning they need to succeed in their choice of career.

Hunter actively engages his OJT students as he is actively supervising their progress at the restaurant. He encourages other businesses to be involved in the program as he believes in the overall intent of which NMTI was established. NMTI produces trained individuals aspiring for demanding careers currently being vacated as a result of the CW worker phase out. He further stated that he welcomes WIA's involvement in the program and hopes that this continues as it will encourage further student engagement and the overall longevity of the OJT program at NMTI. Manglona further stated, "that NMTI's successes are a direct result of partnerships built. It's the symbiotic relationship between the public and private sector that allows us to provide such opportunities. We thank Glen and The Shack for their continued support by believing in our product. We also thank WIA for seeing this as a viable means of training for island residents. We hope to see other businesses take on our students in the other technical trades as we continue to grow along with their staffing needs." (PR)

Alter City Group donates \$5K to NMC Foundation



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Alter City Group chief executive officer Edvon Sze (second from right) presents a \$5,000 donation to NMC Foundation president Mary Tenorio (third from right) in support of this Saturday's 13th Annual NMC Foundation Golf Tournament at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort. Also in photo is NMC's student president Keisuke Yoshida (first from right), NMC Foundation director James Glenn (second from left), and NMC Foundation supporter Pete A. Tenorio (right).

In its ongoing efforts to support CNMI students and their educational goals, Alter City Group recently donated \$5,000 to the NMC Foundation. The donation was made in support of the 13th Annual Foundation Open golf tournament that will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2016, at the Saipan Laolao Golf & Resort west course.

The NMC Foundation is composed of community vol-

unteers committed to the advancement of opportunities in support of higher education for students in the CNMI. The golf tournament is the NMC Foundation's signature event that raises funds to support NMC's academic programs and services.

The 13th Annual Foundation Open Golf Tournament will be held at the Saipan Laolao Bay Golf & Resort

west course with a shotgun start of 7am and will follow a medal play format. There will be six separate flight categories: Championship, A, B, C, Seniors, and Ladies.

The entrance fee is \$100 per player. Payments for the entrance fee can be made at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort and the NMC Cashier.

Tournament prizes for first place is \$500, second place is

\$300, and third place is \$200 for each of the six flights. Hole-in-one prizes include a \$5,000 donation by Pacifica Insurance and 2 round trip tickets worth over \$4,000 to Japan and the U.S. sponsored by Delta Airlines. For more information on how to donate to the NMC Foundation or to register to play, log on to www.marianas.edu or call 234-5498, 6784, or 6840. (PR)

Grill project dedicated to autistic kids completed



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Gary Liddle, the other half of Liddle Mesa Enterprises, poses with the barbecue grill he and Arnold Mesa installed at the Kilili Pavilion.

Do you enjoy the smell of chicken, pork-ribs, steak, burgers, hotdogs, and other such things grilling on the barbecue? If you love to barbecue or grill—in a nutshell, the difference is temperature and time—then you'll want to know that there is a barbecue pit along Beach Road that now has a commercial-grade grill. It's at the Kilili pavilion

Who made this happen? Gary Liddle and Arnold Mesa of Liddle Mesa Enterprises. They wanted not only to invest their money in a project, but their time as well. And, so, along with the help of Eli Cabrera and George The Paluan, a genius fabricator and welder, and both with the Division of Parks and Recreation, this grill was provided for use by the Saipan community and guests.

Why did they choose this project? When Liddle arrived on island seven years ago, he was driven along Beach Road from Pacific Islands Club to Garapan.

On both sides of the road, every sports facility was occupied from PIC's tennis courts, to San Antonio's basketball courts, to all the facilities at the Oleai Sports Complex. On the west side of the road, every pavilion was crammed with friends and families visiting, playing, and barbecuing. It was heart-warming.

During the intervening years, they became more aware of the limitations of barbecue pits without grills. If you wanted to grill, you had to bring your own. And tour-

ists were certainly left out of the picture. And so the seeds of this small project began to grow, designs were made, materials bought, fashioned to shape, then fabricated. As followers of Christ, these two men wanted to quietly find projects that would serve others.

They would like to dedicate this grill to Liddle's severely autistic, severely mentally disabled daughter, Katie, and to all the autistic children and their parents and families throughout the CNMI. They hope you will enjoy using this grill and will take care of it, the pavilion, and the surrounding area and note that the last step to grilling or barbecuing is cleaning the grill, readying it for the next user. You have their thanks.

And maybe this will inspire other companies and individuals to continue to add grills to our other barbecue pits around Saipan, Rota, and Tinian.

Liddle and Mesa even made a shout out to Best Sunshine International, Ltd. chief executive officer Mark Brown about donating resources and donate a day of his time to help with the project.

And if you have or know where there's a sheet of stainless steel (minimum of 36" by 72"), these two men would like to complete their project by replacing the rotted sheet metal barbecue hood with one of stainless steel. Also, if you have any suggestions for improving the design of the grill, please let Liddle know at liddlega@yahoo.com. (PR)

BOG appoints Takesy as VP of Governmental Affairs

HAGATNA, Guam—Bank of Guam has appointed Asteiro Takesy to a three-year term as vice president of Government Affairs (Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Marshall Islands, and Republic of Palau) to promote the bank within the FSM, the RMI, and Palau. He will be posted in Kolonia, Pohnpei and reports directly to BOG president and chief executive officer Lourdes Leon Guerrero.

"I want to underscore the importance of our business relations and long-term commitment with the three Freely Associated States of Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau by placing a senior official representative of the bank directly in our neighboring islands. I am therefore delighted to announce the appointment of Mr. Asteiro Takesy as vice

president of Governmental Affairs, who is well known and respected throughout the three countries," said Leon Guerrero.

"Bank of Guam will continue to be a development partner Takesy and good citizen of the community it finds itself in these changing and challenging times made worse by climate change," she added.



Takesy, who hails from Onoun Island in Chuuk State, has served in various senior posts of his country, FSM, having just completed four years in Washington, D.C. as FSM's ambassador to the United

States. At the regional level, he was the chief executive officer of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Pro-

gramme for six years stationed in Apia, Samoa. At the international level he served for two years on the United Nations' Executive Committee on Clean Development Mechanism.

"I am simply speechless by this unexpected singular blessing and honor. Lord knows I know next to nothing about banking; however, I believe the experience I gained through long years of government services will help me rise to the challenge of the

task at hand. I am humbled by and grateful for president Leon Guerrero's vote of confidence," Takesy stated regarding his new appointment.

Posted in Pohnpei, Takesy has traveled for work throughout the Micronesian, Melanesian, and Polynesian regions and throughout other regions of the globe.

For additional information, contact Jackie Marati at (671) 472-5258 or jackie.marati@bankofguam.com. (PR)

NDAA promotes invasive species prevention and management

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo announced that the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 will include language to promote invasive species prevention and management in the Asia-Pacific region.

The Readiness Subcommittee approved a provision requiring a briefing on the Regional Biosecurity Plan for Micronesia and Hawaii (RBP). The RBP provided recommendations that will minimize the harmful ecological, social, cultural, and economic impacts of invasive species through the prevention and management of such

species' introduction, expansion, and dispersal within the region. The language notes that with the influx of permanent and rotational U.S. military personnel and equipment in the



House Armed Services Committee by Feb. 1, 2017.

"Invasive species impact islands in the Pacific, and on Guam they pose significant threats to our ecosystem and wildlife. The Regional Biosecurity Plan is a multi-agency effort that provides recommendations that will minimize the harmful ecological, social, cultural, and economic impacts of invasive species through prevention and management. I am pleased that the Navy has taken the first step by leading the development of the RBP,

and I look forward to DoD's continued leadership in ensuring that there is federal and local coordination and cooperation to address the threats of invasive species. The provision will help to hold DoD and other federal agencies accountable for a successful implementation of this plan. Guam can no longer be an afterthought in invasive species management. We don't have to be the battlefield in preventing the spread of invasive species elsewhere. Let's stop the invasive species before they arrive in Guam and successful implementation of this plan is critical to achieving that goal," said Bordallo. (PR)



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GOING GREEN

Green Meadow School administration expressed their gratitude to the Northern Marianas College-Cooperative Research Extension and Education Service staff that came and unselfishly offered their time and resources in teaching the students how to be eco-friendly and at the same time have a future source of income if they decide to make a business out of it. Photo shows GMS students, faculty, and NMC-CREES staff posing for a photo.

Taiguini Books to launch *Malingu na Påtgón*

Påtgón depicts key CHamoru values, particularly the importance of family and working together.

The book launch will feature a special reading of the book by the author, followed by a free digital illustration workshop with the illustrator. The books will be available for sale at \$16 per book, and both the author and illustrator will be present to sign the books.

For more information please contact UOG Press managing editor Victoria-Lola Leon Guerrero at (671) 735-2154 or victorialola@triton.uog.edu.

Taiguini Books, a division of University of Guam Press, publishes cultural literature for children and adults. (PR)

UOG students to be inducted into national honor society

On May 6, the University of Guam Political Science Program will host the 19th initiation of UOG students into Pi Sigma Alpha, the U.S. national honor society for students of political science and government. The initiation will take place at 12:30pm in the private

room of the V.I.P. House Restaurant located at the Pacific Bay Hotel in Tumon.

This year, three students from Guam will be inducted into the local chapter and the national society: Thovie R. Gonzales, Edward E. Leon Guerrero, and Luisa V. Tenorio.

To be accepted into the Pi Sigma Alpha honor society, eligible students must achieve a 3.0 grade point average in political science courses and rank in the top third of their university in general academic performance.

Founded in 1920, Pi Sigma Alpha now has 740 chapters at colleges and universities throughout the 50 States. The University of Guam's Pi Sigma Alpha chapter—the only chapter in an insular territory of the United States—began in 1996 and includes attorneys, college faculty, and government officials on Guam, in Palau and in the Federated States of Micronesia, as well as in the United States.

For more information, contact Dr. Michael Stoil, Associate Professor of Political Science and Military Science and faculty advisor of the Guam chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha at mstoil@triton.uog.edu. (PR)



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FALCONS SOAR AT PGFC

The Green Meadow School Falcons emerged as winners of most of the events in the recently concluded Regional of the Primary Grade Forensic Competition held at Grace Christian Academy last March 19. GMS administration, teachers, and staff wish to thank and congratulate the students for the tremendous effort exerted by each participant as they battle against other students.

Business

Time Warner Cable deal gets OK, with online video conditions

NEW YORK (AP)—Federal regulators will impose several conditions meant to protect online video services as they back Charter's bid to buy Time Warner Cable and create the country's second-largest home Internet provider.

The Justice Department approved the deal Monday, subject to court approval on the conditions, while Federal Communications Commission Chairman Tom Wheeler circulated a draft order to OK the combination. That leaves California's utility regulator, whose approval is expected in May.

Buying Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks will turn Charter Communications, a mid-size cable company, into the country's No. 2 home Internet provider, after

Comcast. The new Charter will be No. 3 in video, trailing Comcast and AT&T, which bought DirecTV last year.

To preserve competition from online video services, the Justice Department is forbidding Charter from restricting what media companies make available online. The government says Time Warner has been aggressive at imposing such restrictions in contracts, and without a ban, a bigger company could make online services less competitive.

Meanwhile, the FCC is expected to prohibit Charter from charging consumers more for using more data, the way wireless and some home services are priced. Video is one of the biggest consumers

of data, and caps or usage-based prices could make consumers reluctant to watch online video.

Public-interest groups have protested industry consolidation, saying it has led to high prices and will give big companies the power to undermine online video rivals. But opposition to Charter's deal was muted compared with the backlash in recent years to Comcast's failed bid for Time Warner Cable.

That's because a bigger Charter would still be smaller than Comcast. And Charter, learning from Comcast's failures, has made several promises to address concerns.

What does this \$67 billion cable deal mean for consumers?

Agency to Hawaii residents: Don't hate on tourists

HONOLULU (AP)—As a record number of visitors stream into Hawaii, state officials want residents to know: Tourism is your friend.

The agency that promotes travel to Hawaii is starting an online video campaign to remind locals about the benefits of the state's biggest employer.

The first installment features Honolulu chef Mark Noguchi talking about his brother-in-law's job at a Waikiki restaurant and his uncle's work building resorts. He closes the 30-second video saying: "Take care of tourism. It's a family business."

The campaign is aimed at showing tourism helps a broad cross-section of the state, not just those who work in hotels or at other jobs directly in the industry, said Leslie Dance,

US ends Honda probe for failing to report deaths, injuries

DETROIT (AP)—The U.S. government has closed an investigation into Honda's failure to report deaths and injuries, saying that the company has met all of its obligations.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says in documents posted on its website Monday that Honda paid a \$70 million fine and took steps needed to make sure similar failures don't happen again.

The government fined Honda in December of 2014 in what then was the largest civil penalty levied against an automaker.

The company admitted in a consent order that it didn't report 1,729 complaints that its vehicles caused deaths and

last year, the fourth-straight year of record-breaking visitor arrivals. Industry officials attribute the growth to an increase in flights and Hawaii's enduring popularity with global travelers.

Online review sites like Yelp are directing tourists to restaurants, hikes and beaches in residential areas where travelers rarely ventured decades ago. Websites like Airbnb also allow more visitors to spend the night in neighborhoods instead of Waikiki hotels, even when most Oahu vacation rentals are illegal under county law.

Rena Risso, a 30-year-old who was born and raised in Kailua, understands the positive aspects of tourism, but she believes they're outweighed by the negatives.

injuries, and that it didn't report warranty claims. A small number of the deaths and injuries were related to air bag inflators made by Takata Corp.

The Japanese automaker acknowledged in November of 2014 that it failed to make legally required reports during an 11-year period beginning in 2003. The company admitted it learned of the omissions in 2011 but waited three years to take action.

The safety agency said in documents closing the investigation that Honda completed its performance obligations that were spelled out in the consent order from Dec. 29, 2014. The automaker had to develop written procedures for reporting deaths and injuries and had to train its personnel on early warning reporting requirements. It also had an outside party audit its procedures.

Nation

Obama boosts Islamic State fight, asks Europe to do the same

HANNOVER, Germany (AP)—Evoking history and appealing for solidarity, President Barack Obama on Monday cast his decision to send 250 more troops to Syria as a bid to keep up "momentum" in the campaign to dislodge Islamic State extremists. He pressed European allies to match the U.S. with new contributions of their own.

Obama's announcement of the American troops, which capped a six-day tour to the Middle East and Europe, reflected a steady deepening of U.S. military engagement, despite the president's professed reluctance to dive further into another Middle East conflict. As Obama gave notice of the move, he said he wanted the U.S. to share the increasing burden.

Obama discussed the IS fight with British Prime Minister David Cameron, German



President Barack Obama talks with Saudi Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir at King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Thursday, April 21, 2016, before boarding Air Force One en route to London after participating in the Gulf Cooperation Council Summit.

Chancellor Angela Merkel, French President Francois Hollande and Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi.

The president formally announced the new troop deployment in a speech about European unity and

trans-Atlantic cooperation—a running theme of his trip. Speaking in Germany, he evoked the continent's history of banding together to defeat prejudice and emerge from the "ruins of the Second World War."

Authorities: Evidence of pot, cockfighting at killing scenes

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—As the investigation into the killings of eight family members in rural Ohio entered its fifth day, more details slowly trickled out.

Pike County Prosecutor Rob Junk told the Columbus Dispatch Monday that the marijuana operations discovered at three of the four crime scenes included a grow-house sheltering hundreds of plants.

"It wasn't just somebody sitting pots in the window," Junk said.

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine later added that that there was possible evidence of cockfighting at

one of the properties, but he said he did not know what was relevant to the investigation.

Law enforcement officials had been familiar with the family only for other reasons, Junk told the Columbus Dispatch.

"Altercations with people, that sort of thing," he said. "Nothing like this."

All eight victims were fatally shot in the head on Friday in Piketon, about 60 miles south of Columbus and 90 miles east of Cincinnati.

Two of the four homes that became crime scenes are within walking distance of each other. The others

Anti-Trump pact unites his rivals on eve of 5 primaries

BORDEN, Ind. (AP)—Declaring the Republican presidential contest at "a fork in the road," Ted Cruz and John Kasich defended their extraordinary new alliance on Monday as the party's last, best chance to stop Donald Trump, even as the New York billionaire surged toward another big delegate haul.

Trump, the Republican front-runner, lashed out at what he called collusion by desperate rivals, intensifying his attacks on the GOP presidential nomination system on the eve of Tuesday's round of primary elections in the Northeast.

"If you collude in busi-

ness, or if you collude in the stock market, they put you in jail," Trump said as he campaigned in Rhode Island. "But in politics, because it's a rigged system, because it's a corrupt enterprise, in politics you're allowed to collude."

"It shows how pathetic they are," he said of his Republican rivals.

Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland hold primaries Tuesday along with Rhode Island.

Cruz, a Texas senator, and Kasich, the Ohio governor, announced the terms of an unprecedented agreement late Sunday night to coordinate primary strategies in three of the 15 remaining pri-

mary states.

Kasich will step back in the May 3 Indiana contest to let Cruz bid without interference for voters who don't like Trump. Cruz will do the same for Kasich in subsequent contests in Oregon and New Mexico.

The arrangement does not address Tuesday's primaries, where Trump is expected to add to his already hefty delegate lead. Yet the shift offers increasingly desperate Trump foes a glimmer of hope in their long and frustrating fight to keep him from amassing enough delegates to seal his nomination and avoid a contested national convention in July.

Asia

Canadian man decapitated by PH extremists

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau confirmed that the decapitated head of a Caucasian male recovered Monday night in the southern Philippines belongs to one of two Canadians taken hostage by Abu Sayyaf militants in September.

Trudeau identified the victim as John Ridsdel of Calgary, Alberta and said his government will work with the government of the Philippines and international partners to pursue those responsible for this "heinous act."

Two men on a motorcycle left Ridsdel's head, placed inside a plastic bag, along a street in Jolo town in Sulu province and then fled, Jolo police chief Supt. Junpikar Sitin said.

Abu Sayyaf militants had threatened to behead one of three men — two Canadians and a Norwegian — they kidnapped last September from a marina on southern Samal Island if a large ransom was not paid by 3 p.m. Monday (0800 GMT).

Jolo Mayor Hussin Amin condemned the beheading, blaming Abu Sayyaf militants, who have been implicated in



This image made from undated militant video, shows Canadians John Ridsdel, right, and Robert Hall.

past kidnappings, beheadings and bombings.

"This is such a barbaric act by these people and one would be tempted to think that they should also meet the same fate," Amin said by telephone.

Philippine forces were moving to rescue the abductees, also including a Filipino woman who was kidnapped with them, as the Abu Sayyaf's deadline for the ransom payment lapsed, the military said.

The militants reportedly demanded 300 million pesos (\$6.5 million) for each of the foreigners, a reduction from

their earlier demands.

The hostages were believed to have been taken to Jolo Island in Sulu, a jungled province where the militants are thought to be holding a number of captives, including 14 Indonesian and four Malaysian crewmen who were abducted at gunpoint from three tugboats starting last month.

"Maximum efforts are being exerted ... to effect the rescue," the military and police said in a joint statement, without divulging details of the rescue operation, which was ordered by President Benigno Aquino III.

U.S. military drills. Seoul officials said they could not confirm whether Sunday's test-firing was a success.

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Seoul's Defense Ministry

said it had no such intelligence. South Korean officials often refuse to discuss North Korea's weapons systems publicly because they involve confidential military intelligence.

Yonhap said the missile on standby is one of two Musudan missiles North Korea had earlier deployed in the northeast before it fired one earlier this month.

N. Korea puts midrange missile on standby, report says

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea is believed to have placed a new, powerful midrange missile on standby for an impending launch, a news report said Tuesday.

The reported launch plans came two days after North Korea said it successfully test-fired a ballistic missile from a submarine in a continuation of its weapons tests amid ongoing South Korea-

U.S. military drills. Seoul officials said they could not confirm whether Sunday's test-firing was a success.

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militants of orchestrating the attack. The killings Monday night were the latest in an ongoing wave of attacks claimed by radical Islamists and targeting the country's outspoken atheists, moderates and foreigners. There was no immediate claim of responsibility. The victims were identified as USAID employee Xulhaz Mannan, who previously worked as a U.S. Embassy protocol officer, and his friend, theater actor Tanay Majumder.

Tourist in yoga airplane altercation allowed to fly to Korea

HONOLULU (AP)—A tourist whose desire to do yoga on a plane led to his arrest is being allowed to leave Hawaii and return home to South Korea. U.S. Magistrate Judge Kevin Chang previously allowed Hyontae Pae to be released on bond, but prevented him from leaving the state because of concerns about him being on a plane again. On Monday, Chang made the modification after Pae's defense attorney asked that Pae return to the Honolulu Federal Detention Center. Jin Tae "JT" Kim said his client can't afford to keep staying in a bed and breakfast or to pay to see a doctor for more medication.

Bangladesh vows justice in killing of gay activist, friend

NEW DELHI (AP)—The Bangladeshi prime minister has vowed to hunt down and prosecute those who fatally stabbed two men, including a gay rights activist who also worked for the U.S. Agency for International Development, and accused the country's opposition party and allied

World

Parents of missing Mexican students slam govt probe

MEXICO CITY (AP)—The parents of 43 missing students who disappeared in September 2014 accused Mexico's government on Monday of lying to them, planting evidence and not adequately investigating the case.

The parents' comments came a day after a group of international experts issued a report criticizing the investigation, saying suspects appear to have been tortured and key pieces of evidence related to the supposed burning of the students' bodies were not correctly investigated.

The 43 students at the radical teachers' college of Ayotzinapa have not been heard from since they were taken by local police in late 2014 in the city of Iguala in southern Guerrero state. The

government says corrupt police turned them over to a drug gang, which killed them and burned their remains in a dump in the town of Cocula. Parents reject that conclusion and experts say there is no proof of it.

On Monday, parent Mario Cesar Gonzalez said prosecutors had lied and planted a bag of charred bone fragments in a river near the garbage dump where the students were allegedly burned. Tests have linked the fragments to only one of the students, with a possible link to another.

The group of experts said the bags of bone fragments were found at a different spot and time than authorities had said, and that outside experts weren't immediately allowed access to the site.

Saudi Arabia outlines reform plan for oil-addicted economy

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP)—Saudi Arabia unveiled a bold reform plan on Monday aimed at weaning the country off its "addiction" to oil in a bid to prepare the next generation of Saudi leaders for the domestic pressures of youth unemployment and revenues eroded by lower oil prices.

The project, which includes plans to float a stake in the world's largest oil company, Aramco, and set up one of the world's biggest government investment funds, is meant to provide a blueprint for sweeping reforms to steer the OPEC kingdom away from its decades-long reliance on cheap-to-produce oil.

King Salman said in a televised announcement that the

Cabinet approved the plan, known as Vision 2030, and called on Saudis to work together to ensure its success.

But it was left to the king's powerful son, Deputy Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, to spell out details in an interview aired shortly after the announcement on Saudi-owned broadcaster Al-Arabiya.

The 30-year-old second-in-line to the throne also serves as the country's defense minister and chairs a committee to oversee economic policy-making. That committee, the Council on Economic and Development Affairs, has been focused on reorienting the kingdom away from its heavy reliance on fossil fuels, creating jobs and boosting

"They were the ones who planted the evidence in the San Juan river," said Gonzalez, the father of missing student Cesar Manuel Gonzalez.

Cristina Bautista, whose son Benjamin Ascencio is among the missing students, said the "government started lying to us from the start."

The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights expert group says that a study of 17 of the approximately 123 suspects arrested in the case showed signs of beatings, including, in some cases, dozens of bruises, cuts and scrapes.

Human rights activist Mario Patron of the Miguel Agustin Pro Juarez center said the torture allegations "endanger efforts to find the truth."

foreign investment.

The plan is ambitious. Beyond selling state assets, it includes trimming government perks, like the estimated \$61 billion spent annually on energy subsidies that Saudi citizens have become accustomed to and which have helped secure political patronage for the Al Saud ruling family.

Just this week, the king sacked the country's water and electricity minister after complaints by citizens online over how increases in water tariffs had been implemented. The Internet is one of the few spaces where people can discuss sensitive issues since there are no political parties and protests are banned.

Burundi: General assassinated in attack in capital

BUJUMBURA, Burundi (AP)—A military general in Burundi who was an adviser to the country's vice president and two others were shot dead in the capital, a military official said Monday. It is the latest killing in an upsurge of violence including tortures and increased disappearances that have created a climate of fear and led more than 250,000 people to flee to neighboring countries.

The ambush of Brig. Gen. Athanase Kararuza came on the day that the prosecutor of the International Criminal Court announced the opening of a preliminary probe into

atrocities in Burundi over the last year, saying violence in the African nation has reportedly left more than 430 people dead.

Gunmen opened fire on Kararuza's car with rocket-propelled grenades when he dropped his daughter at school in the Bujumbura neighborhood of Gihosha, said military spokesman Col. Gaspard Baratuza.

Karuza's wife and one of his bodyguards were also killed in the attack while his daughter, another bodyguard and the driver were wounded, Baratuza said in a statement. Baratuza urged calm and said that the perpe-

trators of the attack hoped to divide the army.

Burundi has been wracked by violence since April 2015 when President Pierre Nkurunziza declared his bid for a third term, which he eventually won in July, despite protests that it violates the constitution.

The "preliminary examination" announced Monday by ICC prosecutor Fatou Bensouda is a step toward a full investigation that could lead to charges against suspects. Bensouda says her investigators have received reports of crimes including killing, imprisonment, torture and rape in Burundi.

Good Housekeeping

Diggin' In: Historic Garden Walk, a fine art and flower exhibition

By KATHY VAN MULLEKOM
DAILY PRESS

In Williamsburg, Historic Garden Week in Virginia takes on a day of "Art and the Garden" with more than just pretty plants and fine furnishings in the homes open to visitors on April 26.

Historic Garden Week in Virginia, April 23-30, features 250 private homes and gardens open for public tours



An "Art and the Garden" theme for the Williamsburg Historic Garden Week tour April 26 is seen in gazing globes, water features and emerging plants.

GOOD HOUSEKEEPING ONE

French Toast Bake for Mother's Day

This savory, feeds-eight French toast—a cost-effective, cheese-crusted combo of baked bread, eggs and Gruyere—rests overnight so you can sleep in.

6 large eggs

2 cup milk

1 tablespoon Dijon mustard

Salt and pepper

1/4 cup snipped chives

1 loaf French bread (preferably day-old)

6 ounces Gruyere cheese

1. Grease shallow 1 1/2-quart ceramic baking dish. In medium bowl, whisk eggs, milk, Dijon, 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper until well-blended. Stir in chives.

2. Arrange half of bread in bottom of prepared baking dish, overlapping slices to fit. Pour half of egg mixture over bread and sprinkle with two-thirds of

statewide. Sponsored by the Garden Club of Virginia—www.gcvirginia.org—since 1929, the annual event raises funds for the restoration and preservation of public gardens at historic sites, including Monticello, Mount Vernon and Montpelier.

The garden club estimates the cumulative economic impact of the country's only statewide home and garden tour for the past 45 years is



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\$425 million, according to a news release. The event attracts 30,000 visitors, and includes local residents and out-of-state tourists. For more information, including a downloadable guidebook and tickets, visit www.vagardenweek.org.

Williamsburg's \$50 ticket for the day includes admission to five sites, an "Art in Bloom" fine art and flower exhibition, escorted College of William and Mary landscape tour, Virginia Glass Guild show and sale, lectures on botanical art and landscape design and

even a vintage car display. In addition, there's "Birds, Bugs and Plants: Observing the Natural World in the 18th Century" at the Art Museums at Colonial Williamsburg; Chamber Music Candlelight Concert at Bruton Parish Church; lunchtime food trucks near the Wildflower Refuge at William and Mary.

Two homes—Lindsey Home and Bed-Mede—on tour are sure to catch your attention and make you stay awhile, according to Terry Buntrock, tour spokeswoman and member of the Williams-

burg Garden Club, which hosts the event.

"I'm a huge fan of woodland gardens and shade-loving plants, and Ed and Glenda Lindsey have transformed a woodland ravine behind their home," says Buntrock.

"The Lindseys added a brick-lined path through the woods that expands their usable property in a beautiful creative way; it adds some mystery and adventure to their property. I think a lot of our tour guests this year will be inspired by the use of a part of the yard that is often ignored."

Owners Jim and Pam Penny have carefully restored Bel-Mede, which was built in 1770 near Wakefield, Virginia and moved to Williamsburg in 1947 by a William and Mary art professor, according to Buntrock.

"Looking at the property from the front garden, tour guests will never imagine the surprise that is in store when they enter the house," she says.

"In addition to the careful restoration, the Pennys added an art gallery wing to house their collection of folk art. I don't want to say too much about it, because the surprise of it will be spoiled, but I will say, it is an enviable art collection and the room that houses the collection is joyful and just makes you smile to see it."

In addition, members of the Williamsburg Garden Club will escort guests on a tour of the gardens, art and architecture on the William and Mary Campus, and this year's tour ticket includes admission to the Art Museum at Colonial Williamsburg.

"You can also visit the Williamsburg Arts District, which starts at the 800 block of Richmond Road," says Buntrock.

"There you will find 21 sculptures that make up the Outdoor Art Gallery. As always, Matthey's Garden at Matthew Whaley elementary school and the Adams Garden at William and Mary are part of the tour."



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Life & Style

Cooking your own food: Spicy hot pot anyone?

By JON PEREZ
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REPORTER

While Te Kanahanui members were entertaining patrons with Polynesian fire dances outside, a different kind of hot was simmering in the second floor of the Majestic Building along Coral Tree Avenue in Garapan last Thursday night.

Hot No. 1 & Spicy Pot opened its Saipan branch, giv-



ing local residents and tourists alike a taste of Szechuan—Sichuan or Szechuan—cuisine famous for its sharp, spicy, and unique flavors with the use of garlic and chili peppers.

Hot No. 1 has 12 branches in China, eight in Beijing alone with two each in Tianjin and Shanghai. Chinese celebrities Li Bingbing, He Jun, Huang Bo, Huang Xiao Ming, Jing Bo Ran, and Ren Quan are the investors and partners of the business venture.

Li is best known for her Hollywood movie roles in *Transformers 4: Age of Extinction* opposite Mark Wahlberg in 2014, the 2012 film *Resident Evil: Retribution* alongside Milla Jovovich, and joined Jackie Chan and Jet Li in the 2008 blockbuster *Forbidden Kingdom*.

Hot No. 1 is the latest addition to a number of restaurants in the Garapan tourist district.



Hot No. 1 & Spicy Pot's shrimp paste.



DONNA RIVERA

Hot No. 1 & Spicy Pot's three types of broth—spicy, mild, and coconut water—can be found in the pot at the center of the table.



DONNA RIVERA

Juicy beef cubes are some of the ingredients on the table at Hot No. 1 & Spicy Pot.

Its concept is different from other food establishments on the island being the first Chinese hot pot restaurant.

Just like any other hot pot restaurant in Asia, a simmering metal pot filled with three types of broth—spicy, mild, and coconut water—await customers including the ingredients and other condiments for them to stew and enjoy

eating.

Mushrooms, sliced pork, shrimp, crab meat, rice noodle sticks, tofu, crushed garlic in oil, chili sauce, chopped chives, lettuce, taro, and sliced ham, pork, and beef are some of the ingredients laid out on the table with the metal pot at the center.

Customers can also avail of other dishes made from local-



DONNA RIVERA

Hot No. 1 & Spicy Pot's cut ham.

ly bought fish, vegetables, and the well-known coconut crab. They would also introduce specialty food every week promising a lot of surprises to its customers as they work on a marketing program.

People behind resto

Hot No. 1 boasts of a staff—kitchen and dining—of 60 led by chef Richard Santos, who trained and learned Szechuan style of cooking and technique in presentation of food. The Northern Marianas Trades Institute provided the space for their month-long training.

Santos, who arrived on Saipan in 2005, was a fast learner and in a span of two weeks managed to familiarize himself with the recipes of Szechuan dishes and how to prepare them. He said that he did not study culinary arts and graduated with a degree in



JON PEREZ

A member of the Te Kanahanui Polynesian dancers wows the crowd with his skills.

Information Technology in the Philippines.

His passion for food and the hunger to learn how to cook guided him as he shifted his career path. His first job on Saipan was a steward and he later became friends with Austrian-German chef, who slowly taught him the basics and from there he worked his way by learning online.

Michelin Star pastry chef Su Shuang also trained Santos.

"It helped a lot learning from other chefs. Though I have little experience in pastries, just the basics, it still widened my technique. I'm just one of the select few, so I grabbed the opportunity."

"I'm enthusiastic with my work and I love what I'm doing. Plus, a great staff is supporting me. I'm just their pilot and my job is directing them."

For reservations, call 233-8301.



DONNA RIVERA

Crushed garlic in oil, chili sauce, and chopped chives are familiar condiments at Hot No. 1 & Spicy Pot.

Who will step forward to claim Prince's millions?

LOS ANGELES (AP)—When he was alive, Prince made hundreds of millions of dollars—for record companies, concert venues and others. That much is certain. What's less clear is how much he left behind and who'll come forward to claim it.

Less than a week after the pop star died and an outpouring of grief and nostalgia prompted fans to buy 2.3 million of his songs in three days, it's still uncertain whether he left a will, or who will handle his estate.

Prince owned a dozen properties in and around his famous Paisley Park complex in suburban Minneapolis: mostly rural pieces of land and some houses for family members. Public records show those properties were worth about \$27 million in 2016.

Estimates of how much licensing his personal brand will bring in after death reach to the purple clouds.

"He was as big as they get," said Mark Roesler, chief executive of CMG Worldwide, which handles licensing for the estates of Marilyn Monroe, James Dean and other late stars.

Roesler estimates Prince's post-mortem earnings will match top-earning dead celeb-

ties like Elvis Presley, whose estate made \$55 million in 2015, according to Forbes magazine.

"Will there be a business built up around Prince 60 years from now like James Dean? The answer is unequivocally yes," said Roesler.

If Prince filed a will or created a trust, heirs to his future fortune would be known. But no such documents have yet turned up.

Under Minnesota law, a person can file a will with probate court in secret. If Prince did so, the fact one exists would become public once a death certificate is filed, but the medical examiner has not yet issued one for Prince. An autopsy was conducted Friday and his remains were cremated Saturday.

L. Londell McMillan, a longtime lawyer and former manager of the superstar, declined to comment to The Associated Press about whether the entertainer had a will or any other particulars regarding his estate, but added: "I want to make sure his legacy is respected and protected no matter what role I play." McMillan was Michael Jackson's lawyer and played a role in his estate, as well as those of rapper Notorious B.I.G. and

Prince's lawyer: Death a shock; singer led clean lifestyle

By NEKESA MUMBI MOODY
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

Prince's longtime lawyer called the death of the superstar a complete shock and said Monday that the singer lived a clean and healthy lifestyle, disputing suggestions that he had a drug addiction.

Prince was found dead in Paisley Park, his home and vast recording studio in Chanhassen, Minnesota, on Thursday at the age of 57. An autopsy was conducted, but complete results won't be in for weeks. Police have said there was no indication of suicide.

Lawyer L. Londell McMillan had known Prince for 25 years and at one time was his manager. In a phone interview Monday night, he told The Associated Press he spoke to Prince the Sunday before he died, after it was reported that his plane made an emergency landing to deal with a medical emergency involving the singer.

Prince assured McMillan he was fine.

"He said he was doing perfect," McMillan recalled. "He said, 'OK, I'll call you soon.'"

Celebrity website TMZ, citing unidentified sources,

Sammy Davis Jr.

Several other attorneys who have done work for Prince in the past—including Alan Eidsness, who handled his 2006 divorce from Manuela Testolini Nelson—said they were not handling his estate.

AP
Joy Meuleners holds her niece Keira Abel at a memorial for Prince at Paisley Park on Sunday, April 24, 2016, in Chanhassen, Minn.



To My Eternal Home

Takeo Jose Nena George

1942 - 2016

born in Kosrae, FSM on March 08, 1942, sailed to his new home to be with our Heavenly Father on Monday, April 18, 2016 in Honolulu, Hawaii and is reunited with his children, **GEORGINA MARIA and GEOFFREY JOSE SABLАН GEORGE**.

As he enters the gates of Heaven, TAK is greeted by his children, accompanied by his Parents, Nena and Kenye Tulenkun George; his parents-in-law **JOSE CONCEPCION AND MARIA ROSARIO SABLАН**; his siblings and in-laws **Sruel Olter, Elvey Phillip, Clain George, Eleanor Phillip, Harrison George, Selina Alik, Linus George, Louisa Langu, Luis R. Sablan, Daniel R. Sablan, Jesus R. Sablan, Rosa R. Sablan, Cesario R. Sablan, Maria S. & Juan Camacho, Herman R. and Carmen Sablan, and Ramon R. and Petra Sablan**.

His personality, laughter, and sound advices, together with many loving memories will be shared proudly by his wife of 44 years, **MAGDALENA (MAGGIE) SABLАН GEORGE**, their daughter and grandson, **GLENDY KENYE SABLАН GEORGE (JEFFREY)**; his sibling, **TERUKO CHARLEY** and family; his brothers in law, **JESUS R. and ANA T. SABLАН** and children, **FRANCISCO R. and BEATA M. SABLАН** and children; **CHELA SABLАН** and children and his numerous nieces and nephews; aunts, uncles, cousins, and close friends.

A simple man, TAKEO, known as TAK, lived a happy and joyful life. He was a very caring, supportive, dedicated and loving man, and was so loved by many especially his co-workers throughout his career with the Trust Territory and Commonwealth Governments.

TAK'S remains will be arriving from Honolulu, Hawaii on **Friday, April 29, 2016 at 3:05 p.m. and will be escorted to Borja Funeral Home for the recitation of the holy rosary**. Daily masses of intention are being offered at 6:00 a.m. and the Holy Rosary is prayed at 7:00 p.m. at Mount Carmel Cathedral.

Last respects may be paid on **Saturday, April 30, 2016 beginning at 7:45 a.m.. Mass of Christian Funeral will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m.. Burial services will follow immediately at Mount Carmel Cemetery**.

Your thoughts and prayers are sincerely appreciated.

**MAGDALENA SABLАН (PEPERO) GEORGE AND FAMILY
GEORGE AND SABLАН FAMILIES**

Ryan Reynolds helps out Utah cinema in 'Deadpool' trouble

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)— Actor Ryan Reynolds is showing his support for a Salt Lake City movie theater cited under a Utah obscenity law for serving drinks during a screening of his movie "Deadpool."

Reynolds gave \$5,000 to a fundraising website set up to help the theater called Brewvies with its legal bills on Sunday. He also tweeted out a story about the situation, writing "Thank god, they've found a way to legislate fun."

A representative for Reynolds, who plays the title character of the foul-mouthed superhero film, confirmed the donation and that the tweet came from the actor.

It also bans showing any

Brewvies is facing a fine of up to \$25,000 fine and could lose its liquor license after undercover officers attended a screening of Marvel's R-rated antihero film "Deadpool" in February.

The state says playing "Deadpool" while serving booze violates Utah law because the movie includes nudity and simulated sex, including a suggestive scene in the film's credits involving a cartoon unicorn. The obscenity law is generally used to regulate strip clubs, which are required to have dancers wear G-strings and pasties if the club serves liquor.



In this Monday, April 18, 2016, file photo, the Brewvies Cinema Pub is viewed in Salt Lake City. Actor Ryan Reynolds is backing the movie theater which is in hot water with Utah liquor authorities for serving drinks during a screening of his movie "Deadpool."

Naomi Watts, Amanda Seyfried among 'Twin Peaks' reboot stars

LOS ANGELES (AP)— Showtime is announcing an offbeat cast for the reboot of the offbeat series "Twin Peaks."

The channel released a complete cast list Monday that includes Naomi Watts, Richard Chamberlain, Jim Belushi, Michael Cera and Amanda Seyfried.

They join "Twin Peaks" veterans Kyle MacLachlan, Sherilyn Fenn, David Duchovny and Harry Dean Stanton.

The new "Twin Peaks"

returns to the scene of the crime, a quaint Northwestern town, 25 years after the murder of homecoming queen Laura Palmer.

Showtime said principal photography on "Twin Peaks," from executive producers David Lynch and Mark Frost, has wrapped. The series' 2017 premiere date has yet to be announced.

Other newcomers include Jennifer Jason Leigh, Ashley Judd, Laura Dern, Ernie Hudson and Tom Sizemore.

Kid Rock's assistant killed in crash at singer's property

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)— Kid Rock's assistant was killed in an ATV accident overnight at a suburban Nashville property belonging to the singer.

The Tennessean (<http://tnne.ws/1NNohQA>) reports 30-year-old Michael Sacha was found lying face down on the side of a driveway of Rock's White Creek house ear-

ly Monday morning. Nashville Fire Department spokesman Brian Haas told The Tennessean that Sacha was deceased by the time the department arrived.

A news release from the Metro Nashville Police Department says the accident happened when Sacha drove two people down the drive-

way to meet an Uber driver at midnight. Sacha crashed while riding the ATV back to the residence. Rock, whose real name is Robert Ritchie, and a friend found Sacha on an embankment late Monday morning and called for help. The police department tweeted Monday evening that Sacha's death has been classified as accidental.

film with sex acts or simulated sex acts, full-frontal nudity or the "caressing" of breasts or buttocks if at businesses with liquor licenses.

Brewvies is fighting the action in court, arguing "Deadpool" isn't obscene and that Utah is restricting free speech, which is unconstitutional.

The case is slated to come before Utah's Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control in May.

Brewvies has been open

since 1997. Customers must be 21 or older. The theater serves food and liquor. In court documents, Brewvies lawyers said the theater "was coerced and intimidated" by the liquor board in 2011 to paying a \$1,627 fine when it was cited under the same law for showing "The Hangover Part II."

Utah's law is similar to an Idaho measure that lawmakers repealed this year when a theater sued after its liquor license was threatened for showing "Fifty Shades of Grey" while serving alcohol.

Cosby's criminal case can resume after court rejects appeal

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A Pennsylvania appeals court has rejected Bill Cosby's attempt to throw out his criminal case because of what he called a decade-old deal not to prosecute him.

The mid-level state Superior Court ruled Monday that the criminal sex-assault case against Cosby can proceed, prompting the district attorney to press for a preliminary hearing date.

Cosby, 78, is facing trial over a 2004 encounter at his home with a then-Temple University employee who says she was drugged and molested by the comedian. Cosby says they engaged in consensual sex acts.

Former prosecutor Bruce Castor has said he promised he would never prosecute Cosby and urged him to testify in the woman's 2005 civil lawsuit. The release of that testimony last year led a new prosecutor to arrest him.

In the lengthy deposition, the long-married Cosby acknowledged a series of affairs and said he had gotten quaaludes to give to women he hoped to seduce.

Cosby has not yet entered a plea in the criminal case, and remains free on \$1 million bail posted after his Dec. 30 arrest.

"We ... look forward to the court setting a date so we can



In this Feb. 3, 2016, file photo, actor and comedian Bill Cosby is assisted as he leaves after a court appearance in Norristown, Pa.

present our case," Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin Steele said in a statement.

Cosby's lawyers were considering whether to respond to Monday's ruling, a spokesman said. He could potentially appeal again to the state Su-

preme Court, but it's unclear if that would delay the case.

"He may do that, but the critical question will be whether the Supreme Court will give him a stay during the review," said David Rudovsky, a University of Pennsylvania law professor.

Girlfriend's business contact arouses man's suspicion

DEAR ABBY: I'm a divorced man dating a divorcee, "Sylvie," who is eight years younger. I recently learned she had an affair before we met, and it is affecting the way I see her.

The man she had the affair with is still married. I had an affair while I was married, and although I understand how affairs can happen, I don't condone them. It took me several years to forgive myself for the hurt my actions caused.

Sylvie tells me things are over with this man, yet she continues to do business with him. In my mind she ought to find alternative vendors to deal with. We have spoken about it, and she insists no one else in our area carries or represents the product line he offers.

I feel if she truly is over him, then all communication, both personal and professional, should cease. It's not that I don't trust Sylvie, but I believe things might reignite between them in a weak moment. Am I being ridiculous?

DAZED IN WISCONSIN

would be financial consequences, and she has no guarantee that her relationship with you will progress beyond dating.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend of three years slapped me across the face a few nights ago. He has never done that before, and he promised he'd never do it again. After he hit me he immediately apologized, but said I was partly at fault because I had taunted and belittled him. I love him very much and know he would never want to hurt me.

We're both in our 20s and have expressed our devout love for each other. My boyfriend is the sweetest guy and truly makes me a happier person, but I don't know if I can fully trust and be in love with him after he hit me. I feel partly responsible for what happened that night, but I know I didn't deserve to be hit.

Is my boyfriend an abuser? He has been nothing but caring and supportive and shows no other signs of being abusive. What should I do?

TAKEN ABACK OUT WEST

DEAR TAKEN ABACK: Let me point out that abusers do not start out relationships by being that way. But once slapping starts, it often escalates to pushing, hitting and

DEAR DAZED: You're not being ridiculous, but the truth is you don't completely trust Sylvie when she says the affair is history. For her to sacrifice a necessary business contact because you are insecure would be a mistake. There

DEAR ABBY
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more serious violence. One of the hallmarks of an abuser is blaming the victim by saying he/she deserved it, and it is a big, red warning sign.

Because you have said that your boyfriend has never shown any other signs of being abusive in your three-year relationship, consider this incident an unfortunate one-time occurrence. But keep your eyes wide open in case it wasn't.

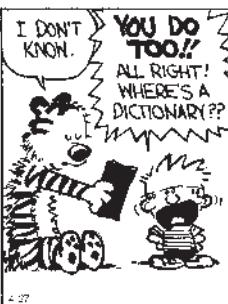
For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more sociable person, order "How to Be Popular." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

Pastimes

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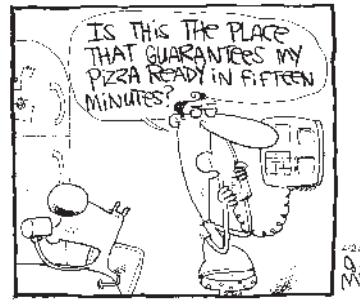


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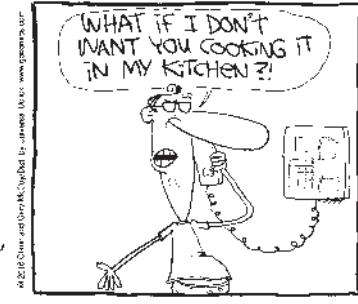


By Bryan Basset

The Duplex



By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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Solution time: 24 mins.



Yesterday's answer 4-27

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Austin Dillon, 26; Jenna Coleman, 30; Patrick Stump, 32; Ari Graynor, 33.

Happy Birthday: Act independently of your emotions when it comes to work-related matters. It's important not to make a fuss or let your personal life interfere with what you have to do professionally in order to maintain your position and excel. Save cash and invest wisely, and you will enjoy the perks you deserve. Romance is featured. Your numbers are 7, 15, 26, 29, 33, 38, 46.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Keep an open mind. Learn from experience and be ready to make a new start. Change can become infectious when you have so many things to explore. Make sure you finish what you start before moving on to your next attraction. **★★**

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Keep the momentum flowing. Engage in pastimes that give you the chance to try something new. Discussions will help you resolve issues and enable you to move successfully forward with your plans. **★★★★**

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Be secretive about your intentions and you will avoid interference and criticism. Check out the possibility of starting your own business or finding a way to make extra cash. Invest in yourself, not in someone else's fast-cash scheme. **★★**

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll be tempted to try something new, and when you do, you will discover that change can be good. Relax and let your mind wander, and

discussions will develop that can bring favorable changes to your home and relationship. **★★**

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Jump into action and do your own thing. Your energy and enthusiasm will motivate others to join in. Make love, friendship and helping others a priority. Socialize and step up to any challenge that comes your way. **★★★**

VIIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Get your feet wet. Try something new. Attend a conference or engage in conversations that will open your mind to new technology or methods that will help make your life easier. Refuse to argue with someone who is demanding or stubborn. **★★**

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't initiate change, especially if it is due to an emotional situation. You are advised to concentrate on personal improvements, not on trying to change others or letting others influence you. Be true to your beliefs and to yourself. **★★**

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Open up a dialogue with someone you want to spend more time with, and you will come up with a plan that allows you to accomplish and enjoy someone else's company. The friends and family members who play together stay together. **★★★★**

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll discover a way to add to your comfort and update your technological devices without breaking your budget. If you are successful at researching and discovering new things, you may be able to turn that into a business opportunity. **★★**

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Spending on your home and family will make you feel good, but don't go into debt. Only buy what you can afford. It's the love and support you offer that will make a difference in your relationship with loved ones. **★★★**

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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3		9	5			1
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7	8	1			9	6
1	6		2	8	3	5
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Difficulty Level ★★★

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

1	8	7	6	5	3	4	9	2
5	2	3	7	9	4	8	1	6
6	4	9	8	1	2	5	7	3
3	7	8	4	6	1	9	2	5
9	1	5	3	2	8	7	6	4
2	6	4	9	7	5	3	8	1
8	5	6	2	3	7	1	4	9
4	9	1	5	8	6	2	3	7
7	3	2	1	4	9	6	5	8

Difficulty Level ★★★

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By DAVID OUELLET

Solution: 11 letters

S	S	H	E	L	L	S	Y	R	U	X	U	S	F
L	M	T	F	I	B	R	O	I	N	A	L	H	R
O	O	O	T	S	R	Y	S	T	①	I	I	D	O
B	O	M	E	T	E	F	Y	W	P	E	H	L	E
M	T	B	B	L	X	O	②	T	S	I	V	O	R
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/s/ EDWARD C. SABLAN
Chairman of the Board

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Minimum of two (2) years of work experience, preferably in hospitality and knowledge of generally accepted accounting and bookkeeping principles and procedures. Degree in accounting is required. Strong knowledge in using front office systems and point-of-sale systems such as Opera Property Management System and Micros POS. Must be able to work evenings, C-shift (for night audit reliever 11PM-7AM), weekends and holidays.

(4) BARTENDERS

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(1) CARPENTER

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(1) CHINESE COOK

Minimum of two (2) years related work experience in preparing Chinese cuisine. Must be able to coordinate and support team members within the kitchen department. Must be able to communicate clearly in English. Must be able to work evenings, weekends, and holidays.

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Minimum of two (2) years stewarding experience plus two (2) years supervisory experience. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

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Minimum of two (2) years work experience in preparing Thai and Asian cuisine. Must be able to coordinate and support team members within the kitchen department. Must be able to communicate clearly in English. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

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PIC applications are available at the PIC Security Desk by the Loading Dock/Employee Entrance. Incomplete applications will NOT be accepted or considered.

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Court: Brady must serve 'Deflategate' penalty



NEW YORK (AP) — New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady must serve a four-game "Deflategate" suspension imposed by the NFL, a federal appeals court ruled Monday, overturning a lower judge and siding with the league in a battle with the players union.

A three-judge panel of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan ruled 2-to-1 that Commissioner Roger Goodell did not deprive Brady of "fundamental fairness" with his procedural rulings. The split decision may end the legal debate over the scandal that led to months of football fans arguing over air pressure and the reputation of one of the league's top teams.

It also fuels a fresh round of debate over what role, if any, the quarterback and top NFL star played in using under-inflated footballs at the AFC championship game in January 2015. The Patriots won the contest over the Indianapolis Colts, 45-7, and then won the Super Bowl.

The ruling can be appealed to the full 2nd Circuit or to the U.S. Supreme Court, but it would likely be a steep and time-consuming climb even if the courts took the unusual step to consider it.

In a majority opinion written by Judge Barrington D. Parker, the 2nd Circuit said its review of labor arbitration awards "is narrowly circumscribed and highly deferential—indeed, among the most deferential in the law."



"Our role is not to determine for ourselves whether Brady participated in a scheme to deflate footballs or whether the suspension imposed by the Commissioner should have been for three games or five games or none at all. Nor is it our role to second-guess the arbitrator's procedural rulings," the opinion said. "Our obligation is limited to determining whether the arbitration proceedings and award met the minimum legal standards established by the Labor Management Relations Act."

"Even if an arbitrator makes mistakes of fact or law, we may not disturb an award so long as he acted within the bounds of his bargained-for authority," the court said.

In a dissent, Chief Judge Robert Katzmann said Goodell failed to even consider a "highly relevant" alternative penalty.

"I am troubled by the Commissioner's decision to uphold the unprecedented four-game

suspension," Katzmann said. "It is ironic that a process designed to ensure fairness to all players has been used unfairly against one player."

The NFL Players Association said in a statement it was disappointed.

"We fought Roger Goodell's suspension of Tom Brady because we know he did not serve as a fair arbitrator and that players' rights were violated under our collective bargaining agreement," the statement said. "Our union will carefully review the decision, consider all of our options and continue to fight for players'

rights and for the integrity of the game."

NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said the court ruled Goodell acted properly in cases involving the integrity of the game.

"That authority has been recognized by many courts and has been expressly incorporated into every collective bargaining agreement between the NFL and NFLPA for the past 40 years," McCarthy said.

Soon after the ruling, Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump opened a campaign rally in Rhode Island by

In this Monday, Aug. 31, 2015, file photo, New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady leaves a federal court, in New York. A federal appeals court has ruled, Monday, April 25, 2016, that Brady must serve a four-game "Deflategate" suspension imposed by the NFL, overturning a lower judge and siding with the league in a battle with the players union.

sticking up for Brady, a long-time friend and golfing buddy.

"First of all let's start by saying leave Tom Brady alone. Leave him alone. Leave him alone he's a great guy," Trump said. "It's enough. It's enough."

The appeals ruling follows a September decision by Manhattan Judge Richard Berman that went against the league, letting Brady skip the suspension last season. Goodell insisted the suspension was deserved.

The appeals court settled the issue three days before the start of the NFL draft and well before the start of the 2016 season, avoiding the tension built last year when Brady didn't learn until a week before the season that he would be allowed to start in the Patriots' opener.

The Patriots open the 2016 season on Sept. 11 at Arizona, followed by games at home against the Dolphins, Texans and Bills. Brady's backup at quarterback is Jimmy Garoppolo, who appeared in 11 games over his first two seasons but hasn't made a start.

Pujols hits 2 homers in Angels' win over Royals



ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) —

Albert Pujols hit two homers and Mike Trout added another, powering the Los Angeles Angels to a 6-1 victory over the Kansas City Royals on Monday night.

Garrett Richards (1-3) pitched three-hit ball into the seventh inning of his first win of the season, while the Angels' struggling offense awoke with a three-run first inning followed by homers from its two biggest stars.

Pujols connected on solo shots in the third and fifth innings against Ian Kennedy (2-2). The homers were the 564th and 565th of Pujols' career, moving him out of a tie with Reggie Jackson and into sole possession of 13th place on baseball's career list.

Trout added a solo shot in the seventh, his fourth homer of the season.

Salvador Perez drove in the Royals' only run.

Eric Hosmer extended his hitting streak to 15 games for the

Royals, who opened a six-game West Coast trip with just their second loss in their last 12 meetings with the Angels, including the 2014 AL division series.

Pujols has shaken his dismal start to the season with three homers in two games. The \$240 million slugger moved past Jackson with a drive to the fake rock pile beyond center field in the third, and his fifth-inning shot barely eluded a leaping Alex Gordon in left field.

Tigers 7, Athletics 3

In Detroit, Tyler Collins directed an obscene gesture at the home fans just before Jordan Zimmermann ended his scoreless innings streak, but Miguel Cabrera homered twice and the Detroit Tigers snapped a skid with a win over the Oakland Athletics on Monday night.

Zimmermann (4-0) gave up a run for the first time with the Tigers following 24 1/3 scoreless innings, and Collins seemed to take the brunt of the

Twins 4, Indians 3

In Minneapolis, Oswaldo Arcia led off the ninth inning with a home run off of Zach McAllister to lift Minnesota over Cleveland.

Brian Dozier added a two-run double and the heavily taxed Twins bullpen gave up one run over the final 4 1/3 innings to snap a three-game skid. Kevin Jepsen (1-3) pitched the ninth for the win.

Mariners 3, Astros 2

In Seattle, Taijuan Walker tied his career-high with 11 strike-

outs over seven innings, Leonys Martin and Kyle Seager hit solo homers and Seattle beat Houston for its eighth win in 11 games.

Walker was overpowering in his fourth start of the season.

Marlins 3, Dodgers 2

In Los Angeles, Giancarlo Stanton homered, doubled and drove in two runs to lead Miami past Los Angeles in Don Mattingly's return to Dodger Stadium.

Marlins manager Mattingly, who managed the Dodgers from 2011-15, received a mix of boos and cheers before the start of his first game against his former club.

White Sox 7, Blue Jays 5

In Toronto, Todd Frazier doubled home the go-ahead run in a five-run seventh inning and Chicago rallied to beat Toronto.

Frazier went 2 for 3 with three RBI, Jimmy Rollins had

three hits, and Adam Eaton had two hits and two RBI as the White Sox overcame a four-run deficit to win their fourth straight.

Rays 2, Orioles 0

In St. Petersburg, Chris Archer struck out 10 over 6 2/3 innings to end a 10-start winless streak, and Tampa Bay beat Kevin Gausman and Baltimore.

Archer (1-4) allowed five hits to get his first win since beating the Orioles on Aug. 31. The Rays opening day starter was 0-7 during the winless stretch.

Red Sox 1, Braves 0

In Atlanta, Rick Porcello combined with three relievers on a four-hitter, Jackie Bradley Jr. hit his first homer and Boston beat Atlanta, giving the punchless Braves their sixth straight loss.

The Braves' home-run drought reached 14 games, matching the longest streak in their Atlanta history.

Mets 5, Reds 3

In New York, Neil Walker hit his seventh home run in 10 games, a tiebreaking shot in

the seventh inning that kept New York rolling against Cincinnati.

Michael Conforto and Lucas Duda also homered for the suddenly homer-happy Mets, who won their fourth in a row overall. They returned to Citi Field after connecting 23 times on a three-city road trip.

Pirates 6, Rockies 1

In Denver, Matt Joyce hit a three-run homer, Jeff Locke threw six scoreless innings and Pittsburgh beat Colorado in a game that was briefly delayed by rain.

Locke (1-2) allowed five hits as he bounced back from a clunker in his last outing. He struck out a season-high eight, including five on called third strikes.

Diamondbacks 12, Cardinals 7

In Phoenix, Jean Segura had four hits, including a go-ahead three-run home run in the sixth inning, to lead Arizona over St. Louis.

Segura's homer came during a nine-run inning that made ace Zack Greinke a winner despite allowing seven runs.

Curry out at least 2 weeks with sprained knee



OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—If the Golden State Warriors want to cap a record-setting season with a second straight NBA title, they will need to survive the next two weeks without their best player.

Stephen Curry is expected to miss at least two weeks with a Grade 1 sprain of the MCL in his right knee, dealing an unexpected blow to the Warriors' hopes of repeating as champions.

"From our perspective, it's relatively good news," general manager Bob Myers said Monday. "Clearly we don't want to be here getting MRIs at this point of the season, especially someone of Steph's stature. ... But mechanically the knee is intact, so that's good."

Myers said the two-week estimate is an educated guess based on how players typically respond to similar injuries, but cautioned the absence could be three weeks or possibly slightly shorter.

The team will have a better handle on how long Curry will be out after about a week but Curry will miss the rest of the first round of the playoffs and almost assuredly the start of the second round if the Warriors advance. Golden State leads Houston 3-1 heading into Game 5 at home on Wednesday night.

"If it's not two weeks, don't go crazy," Myers said. "If it's before that, great. If it's after, it's after."

Curry was injured on the final play of the first half of Sunday's 121-94 win in Houston when he slid awkwardly on a wet spot on the court and fell. He immediately grabbed his knee and jogged with a limp to the locker room.

"Nobody is to blame here," Myers said. "If you play basketball, that stuff happens unfortunately."

Curry came out with the team after halftime, but sat on the bench for most of the warmup time. After talking with coaches, he returned to the locker room with his second injury of the series. Curry had missed the previous two games with a sprained right ankle but said that was not an issue during the first half Sunday.

The Warriors thrived without Curry on Sunday, hitting eight 3-pointers in the third quarter alone to turn a tie game into a 21-point lead on the way to the easy win.

But doing that without the reigning MVP for a longer period of time figures to be more problematic. The Warriors have gone 3-2 this season without Curry playing, including wins against the Rockets



Golden State Warriors' Stephen Curry, center, dribbles past teammate Andrew Bogut, right and Houston Rockets' Trevor Ariza, left, during the first half in Game 4 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series, Sunday, April 24, 2016, in Houston. AP

on New Year's Eve and at home in Game 2. Golden State also lost Game 3 in Houston by one point while Curry sat with the ankle injury.

Replacing everything Curry does is almost impossible because no one has ever had the collection of skills he has with the ability to spread the defense with long-range shooting, the ballhandling to create his own shot and the playmaking that leads to easy baskets for his teammates.

Curry led the NBA this season by averaging 30.1 points per game, while averaging 6.7 assists, 5.4 rebounds and a league-leading 2.1 steals as well. Curry made a record 402 3-pointers, eclipsing his own previous mark by 116.

While backup point guard Shaun Livingston and do-everything power forward Draymond Green can shoulder much of the playmaking load and Klay Thompson is the second-best 3-point shooter in the league, the Warriors go from a historically great team that won a record 73 games in the regular season with Curry in the lineup to a vulnerable one if he misses significant time.

With a 3-1 series lead and two potential games at home against the eighth-seeded Rockets, Golden State is still primed to advance to the second round without Curry. But a second-round series against either the Los Angeles Clippers or Portland would be much more problematic.

The second round of the playoffs won't start until this weekend at the earliest. No matter when the second round starts, Game 4 would likely be either May 8 or 9, which will be in two weeks.

That would make Curry's earliest possible return in Game 5 but Golden State could be forced to go the entire round without him, which could open a path for teams like San Antonio, Oklahoma City, the Clippers or Cleveland to win the title.

The Warriors benefited from injuries to opponents last season on the way to the NBA title with Memphis point guard Mike Conley missing time in the second round and Cleveland missing point guard Kyrie Irving for the last five games and power forward Kevin Love for the entire NBA Finals.

Now Golden State is the team dealing with injuries.

Westbrook, Thunder eliminate Mavericks

OKLAHOMA CITY

(AP)—Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban said Oklahoma City's Russell Westbrook is an All-Star, but not a superstar.

Westbrook gave him plenty of reasons to reconsider.

He had 36 points, 12 rebounds and nine assists, and the Thunder beat the Mavericks 118-104 on Monday night to win the first-round playoff series 4-1 and advance to the Western Conference semifinals.

Cuban also said during the pregame interview that Kevin Durant was the only superstar on the team. Westbrook was asked after the game about Cuban's comments, and Durant answered for him.

"He's an idiot," Durant said of Cuban. "He's an idiot. Don't listen to -- he's an idiot. That's what we've got to say about that. He's an idiot. Next question."

Westbrook was 13 of 23 from the field and 7 of 8 on free throws. Durant scored 33 points and Steven Adams added 15 points and 10 rebounds for the Thunder, who will play the San Antonio Spurs in a series that begins Saturday.

Oklahoma City shot 50.6 percent from the field and outrebounded the Mavericks 42-35.

The Thunder lost Game

2 85-84 at home, then won three straight, including two on the road.

"They just played gimmicky defense," Durant said. "They didn't really play solid. They weren't really disciplined the entire series. That's how we were able to shoot such a high percentage except for that second game. It took all of that to win by one point—us having a historically bad night shooting the basketball. But for the most part, we got whatever we wanted on the offensive end."

Dirk Nowitzki scored 24 points. Though the 37-year-old forward said Monday that he plans to finish his career as a Maverick unless the team decides to rebuild, Dallas coach Rick Carlisle is still going to recruit him.

"We've got to hope that this isn't Dirk's last game as a Maverick," Carlisle said. "He has the option to become a free agent. I'm ready to get on a plane to go to Germany and recruit him to be back. I don't think we can take that for granted. I think we have to give him that kind of respect."

Dwight Powell scored 16 points, Justin Anderson had 14 and Zaza Pachulia added 12 points, nine assists and seven rebounds for the Mavericks, who were hampered by injuries throughout the series.

Westbrook scored 13 points in the first quarter to help the Thunder take a 35-24 lead. The Mavericks closed to 57-55 in the second quarter, but Oklahoma City finished the half strong to lead 68-61 at the break.

Durant scored 20 points in the first half. Nowitzki scored 17 and Pachulia added 12 points, seven assists and five rebounds in the first half to keep the Mavericks close.

The Mavericks trimmed Oklahoma City's lead to 107-103 with 4:08 left before the Thunder pulled away, starting with a follow shot by Andre Roberson.

"We had it where it was a four-point game," Nowitzki said.

Trail Blazers 98, Clippers 84

In Portland, Al-Farouq Aminu scored a career-high 30 points and the Portland Trail Blazers pulled away after Chris Paul left with a broken bone in his right hand, beating the Los Angeles Clippers on Monday night to even their playoff series at 2-2.

Walker scored 11 straight Charlotte points in the fourth quarter after Miami had cut the lead to two with 6:07 left. Courtney Lee sank two free throws with 4.6 seconds left after being fouled on an offensive rebound to seal the win.

Lee finished with 11 points and helped hold Dwyane Wade to 12 points on 4-of-11 shooting.

Game 5 is Wednesday night in Miami. Joe Johnson led Miami with 16 points, while Luol Deng had 15. Charlotte dominated in the paint for the second straight game, outscoring Miami 44-30. The Clippers were further

Miyawaki, Steele take boys U12 doubles crown

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Rintaro Miyawaki and Richard Steele smoked the competition en route to earning the boys U12 doubles championship in the 2016 CNMI Junior Tennis Championships.

The duo clinched the division crown after dominating Andrew Chung and Min Gi Jung, 6-1, 6-0, last Sunday at the American Memorial Park tennis courts. Earlier in the opening week of the round-robin contest, Miyawaki and Steele blanked Andy Kim and Seung Won Lee, 6-0, 6-0, to kick off their title bid on high gear. Lee and Kim went on to finish second behind Miyawaki and Steele after beating Chung and Jung, 6-3, 6-2.

The title win in last Sunday was Miyawaki and Steele's first in the 2015-2016 season as they settled for runner-up honors in both the Tan Holdings Tennis Classic and PIC Tennis Championships.

Meanwhile, the pairs of Sunny Hyun and Marielle Lopez and Tony Kim and Michael Ren were the winners in the other doubles competitions in Northern Mariana Islands



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Richard Steele, left, makes a return from the baseline, while teammate Rintaro Miyawaki looks on during their game against Seung Won Lee and Andy Kim in the boys U12 doubles division of the 2016 CNMI Junior Tennis Championships last week at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.

Ronaldo, Benzema likely to start versus Manchester City

MANCHESTER, England (AP)—Real Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane expects Cristiano Ronaldo and Karim Benzema to start against Manchester City in the semifinals of the Champions League on Tuesday.

Zidane says the strikers appear to have recovered from their injuries and likely will “be fine to play” in the first leg in Manchester.

He said a final assessment would be made after the team’s practice session later Monday.

Ronaldo was nursing a right leg thigh injury, while Benzema had a knee ailment.

Ronaldo missed Real Madrid’s match against Rayo Vallecano in the Spanish league on Saturday because of his injury.

The strikers have scored 74 goals between them this season.

Meanwhile, in London, Leicester is one victory from becoming one of the unluckiest champions in English football history—a year after nearly being relegated from the Premier League.

The path to the trophy became clearer Monday after



closest challenger Tottenham was held to a 1-1 draw by West Bromwich Albion, giving Leicester a seven-point lead with three games remaining.

Leicester’s first chance to seal the first top flight title in its 132-year history comes on Sunday at the home of record 20-time champion Manchester United.

Even if Leicester fails to win at Old Trafford, manager Claudio Ranieri can be handed the title if his former club, Chelsea, beats Tottenham next Monday.

Leicester would have to wait until the final day of the season to receive the trophy when it plays at deposed champion Chelsea, which is 29 points adrift in ninth place.

Ranieri’s team of bargain signings and even castoffs is on course to become the first maiden title-winner since Nottingham Forest in 1978 by completing the greatest transformation of a team in the post-1992 Premier League era.

As unexpected as Leicester’s title charge is the fact Tottenham is its closest competitor with Manchester City and Arsenal behind them.

Tennis Association’s last local tournament for the season.



Kim and Ren ruled the boys U18 doubles contest after winning against two teams. They first swept Steven Goodwin and Vincent Tudela in the opening week of the

tournament, 6-3, 6-1, and then labored a super tiebreaker three set victory against Robbie Schorr and Ken Song last Sunday to bag the division title. The eventual champions prevailed in the opening set, 6-2, but failed to close out the

title match early when Ren and Schorr eked out a close 7-5 victory in the second. The super tiebreaker third set was another neck-and-neck battle with Kim and Ren pulling off a 10-8 win after Song’s return went wide past the baseline.

Schorr and Song took the second place award as they earlier outclassed Goodwin and Tudela in another extended game. Song and Schorr dropped the opening set, 3-6, but regained their bearings in the second, 6-4, and then dominated Tudela and Goodwin in the last, 10-0.

In the girls U12 doubles, Hyun and Lopez won the championship against the tandem of Anika Camacho and Thaileena Raulerson, 6-2, 6-4.

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ter, Ashley, Isaiah Alekseenko, Nanaka Watanabe, Anthony Camacho-Deleon Guerrero and Hans Xu were the testaments to the pains and gains of his program as majority of the swimmers began plunging into the pool when they were still five years old.

“I started coaching Ashley and Isaiah when they were just five years old. Both had no potential to become super swimmers when they began swimming. They cried during practices and even moved out of the water whenever practice was hard. Sometimes they don’t listen to my instructions. However, both never give up and keep coming back to the pool so little by little, their results get better. Today, they can compete against swimmers

Aleksenko and Ashley both represented Tsunami Saipan in this year’s Tokyo Junior Sprint, while Xu was the high-point winner in last year’s Guam Championships.

Kimura said seeing this young generation of swimmers improve and represent the CNMI in off-island competitions makes all the time and effort he spent with them during training sessions worthwhile.

“It’s very challenging to coach a lot of kids, especially doing the introductory course. However, I am the happiest man on the pool every time I see them improve. I am honored to help these kids make their dream of becoming great swimmers a reality,” Kimura added.

WOD 1 was a biathlon composed of a 1-kilometer run, 250-meter swim, and another 2k run; WOD 2 had 30 wallballs, 20 toes to bar, and clean and jerk; WOD 3 was most number of burpees in two minutes, max calorie row in six minutes, and maximum deadlift.

WOD 4 was a 200m run, seven snatches at 105lbs, overhead squats—in the order of seven, five, three, and one—and another 200m run with the contestant with the fastest time winning. WOD 5 was completion of six muscle ups, six one leg squats, and six shoulder press at 105lbs. at 5-4-3-2.

“It was an amazing experience and it solidified my belief that we can produce capable athletes that are able to win these international events,” said Villanueva.

Their scores were so close

that the result of WOD 6 determined who would win the fifth edition of the Trench Throwdown. Villanueva took a breather and prayed to God to grant him the speed and agility to complete the final WOD.

He set the best time in WOD 6 at 2:09 with James finishing at 2:19. Saipan native and CrossFit Hita’s Harold Aranda, another friend of Villanueva, came in at third with a time of 2:36.

“It was an amazing experience and it solidified my belief that we can produce capable athletes that are able to win these international events,” said Villanueva.

“We had very similar performances but I managed to edge him out in a couple of things and come out on top overall. He definitely pushed the pace for me,” he added.

Their scores were so close

er Secharmidal and Saralu to snap the latter’s winning streak.

Secharmidal pitched a complete game, allowing only six hits and walking two while striking out 13. Saralu on the other hand, went 4-for-6 at bat and scored four RBIs. Camacho and Ton Tenorio added two RBIs each after hitting 2-for-5 and 4-for-5, respectively. Tenorio also had three runs.

The Brewers managed to coast to victory against Titanium despite failing to score in the first three innings. Titanium got its two runs from Nathan Camacho and Jerald Cabrera, who reached off Jun Rabauliman’s single in the fifth and an error in the ninth, respectively.

In other results last week, the Bears kept their perfect slate after routing the Yankees, 14-4, while the Falcons escaped with a 9-8 win over the BSI Aces.

A five-run top of the sixth inning helped the Falcons steal the lead from the Aces, 8-4, and they held on against

the latter’s rally in the closing innings. The Aces countered the Falcons’ one run at the top of the eighth with three at the bottom to cut the deficit to one. A 1-2-3 inning on the Falcons at the top of the last kept the Aces in the game, but not for long, as the former also got the three quick outs and stranded a runner at second.

In the Bears-Yankees game, the league-leading squad needed only seven innings to get their fourth win.

The Bears set up the easy victory via 10-run mercy rule after collecting eight runs in the fifth inning and adding four in the seventh. Jose Lizama Jr. led the win as he went 3-for-4 at bat and scored three runs, three RBIs, and three doubles. Peyton Lizama contributed two RBIs and two runs off his 2-for-4 performance at the plate.

Meanwhile, the Yankees were hoping to get back on track after losing their last two games as they collided against the winless Aces (0-4) last night.

Rites of Passage 19: Seek and Destroy

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Team Zalaka's Denny Jepeln connects on a kick against Team No Team's Marc Catindig during their kickboxing bout in last Saturday's Rites of Passage 19: Seek and Destroy held at the Royal Taga Hall of Saipan World Resort.



Zeng Zung's Pete "The Beast" Cepeda, bottom, holds down Trench Tech's Mark "The Dark" Nuique.

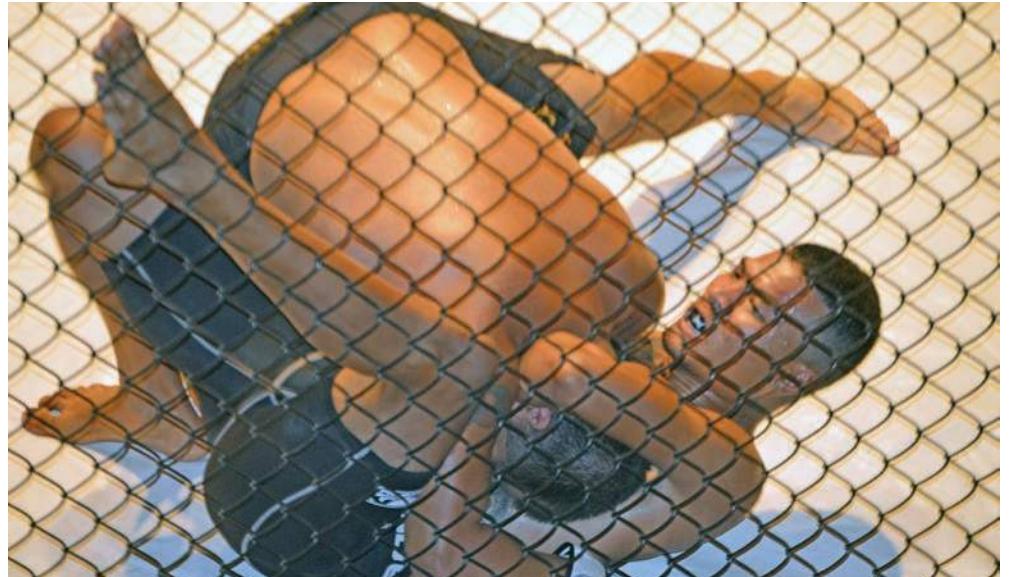


Trench Tech's Francisco "PakPak" Palacios, left, defends against the strike of "Sloppy" Joe Lee.



Ring announcer L.J. Castro, left, interviews Andrew "Top Gun" Sablan after the latter's quick win against Ground Fu-Guam's Eric "The Sandman" Reyes.

Timmy Salas tries to slam Jonrey Gilles to the ground during their 120-lb MMA fight.



High Blood Pressure Guam's Chris Tabligan, right, chokes Team Lights Out's Derek "Hot Shot" Naog.



Referee Cuki Alvarez watches the action down the canvas between Ryan "The Predator" Toves and Rob Wusstig.



Round girl Rachel Masga shows the lightweight title belt that was at stake in the bout between Ryan "The Predator" Toves and Rob Wusstig.

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Salvi wins in Trench Throwdown

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Salvi Villanueva's month long training paid off as he won the Men's RX division in the 5th Marianas Trench Throwdown held over the weekend at the Chamorro CrossFit Gym in Tamuning, Guam.

Villanueva, who settled for second place in the same competition last year, collected 843 points built around eight No. 1 finishes in the workouts of the day (WOD) for a six-point victory over CrossFit Latte Stone's



Michael James, who collected 837. Unified CrossFit's Gabriel Martinez had 821 for third place.

Representing Tribe Marianas, Villanueva claimed the top spot in WOD 4—a three-set workout composed of pull-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Salvi Villanueva prepares to lift while competing in last weekend's 5th Marianas Trench Throwdown held at the Chamorro CrossFit Gym in Tamuning, Guam.

Brewers extend streak to three

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Defending champions GSM Brewers stretched their winning run to three and moved up to solo second place in the team standings in the 2016 Saipan Baseball League.



The Brewers, who now have a 4-1 record behind the unbeaten Chalan Kanoa

Bears (4-0), registered their recent win last Monday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield after dominating the Blue Jays, 7-1. The three-time champions also prevailed against Titanium, 12-2, last Friday, to hand the latter its first loss in four matches.

Pitchers Nate Guernon

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Ton Tenorio scored three runs and two RBIs in the GSM Brewers' 12-2 win over Titanium in the 2016 Saipan Baseball League last week at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Tsunami Saipan coach boasts Dream Kids Project



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Tsunami Saipan head coach Hiro Kimura has established a stable of promising swimmers under his Dream Kids Project.

"The program is recruiting children in the U8 age group and training them to become 'super' swimmers and win in off-island competitions," Kimura said.

So far, 18 swimmers are under the program and Tsunami Saipan is still accepting interested children. Kimura's pool includes Ocean Kang, Rooney Gil, Stephen Yeom, Selina Salim, David Khadka, Henry Yeom, Kouki Watanabe, Nagisa Litulumar, Sakura Hara, Keisuke Asakura, Sunny Kang, Maria Batallones,

Arwen Bartolata, Fiona and Cassie Regan, Mizuki Suzuki, Tellei Rechucher, and Aasish Dangol.

Of these swimmers, Dangol and Batallones have managed



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Tsunami Saipan's U8 swimmers pose for a photo during a break in one of their training sessions last week at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

53 in two minutes. Aside from lifting, organizers added running and swimming events in

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